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FOREWORD

Several reasons impelled the writer of this booklet to the conclusion that a brief historical sketch of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind should be written.

First, this Institution has grown to such proportions and, at the present time, covers such a wide range of endeavor to bring children afflicted with deafness and blindness up to the full stature of happy, useful citizenship that a knowledge of what is taking place here may well prove an inspiration not only to the families and friends of this particular group of citizens but, also, to the thousands of other citizens in our great State.

At the present time, 1942, this Institution has on its rolls over seven hundred deaf and blind children, white and colored, from every county in the State of Alabama. These pupils are here for nine months of each year and they are receiving training at the hands of skilled teachers in many departments to prepare them for the life that awaits them. It is an accepted dictum of our time of enlightenment that all people should be trained. It should be recognized and well understood that handicapped people, far more than others, must be trained.

Another reason why it is deemed wise to undertake a historical sketch of this Institution is that so little is known generally over the State about it. We have here at the present time an Institution whose physical equipment is worth approximately \$1,000,000. The State is spending about \$200,000 annually to supply all of the requirements for teaching the pupils who come here. We are teaching these pupils through the high school in the academic department and we are giving them instruction in numerous vocational and cultural studies.

In view of these facts one would think that every intelligent citizen in Alabama would have at least a fair knowledge of this great Institution. Unfortunately, however, such is not the case.

There are still many well educated, well informed citizens in Alabama who do not even know where the school is located and have only the most meager conception of what is taught, or of the general operation of the school. There are those who think of the Institution as an asylum for the deaf and blind. There are others who regard it as a home where the children remain throughout the entire year. Some of our citizens seem surprised that these deaf and blind children can receive instruction preparing them for useful service in life. If this brief sketch can serve only, with its limited distribution, to inform our people of the fact that here is an institution where children, though greatly handicapped by deafness and blindness, may yet be taught how to live happily and usefully, the writer will feel amply repaid for his labor.

The Institution has had a great past. It is serving the present generation of deaf and blind children faithfully, and it is looking steadfastly to the future with the full purpose of keeping abreast of the times and of being equal to the best of its kind in our great nation.

—J. S. GANEY

Talladega, Alabama
May, 1942

ALABAMA INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND BLIND

THE BEGINNING

(A) *THE DEPARTMENT FOR DEAF*

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind had its beginning, like many another larger enterprise, in a small way. In the early 1850's Dr. Joseph H. Johnson, who was a practicing physician in Western Georgia, decided to seek a place of residence elsewhere. Dr. Johnson suffered from asthma. It seems that he was looking for a home in the mountains where the air would be lighter and purer. He finally settled in Talladega where he engaged the second floor in what is now known as Manning Hall, or the Administration building of this Institution. He had brought his family, including his little deaf brother, Seaborn, along with him. Here he settled down to practice medicine, but destiny decreed that he should serve humanity in another field and in a short time there were gathered about him a few deaf children from various sections of Alabama, and thus a school for the deaf was born. In October, 1858, the first class met in the same building where Dr. Johnson and his family were domiciled. The arrangements for financing the enterprise had been made after conferring with Governor A. B. Moore and the State's first Superintendent of Education, General W. F. Perry.

Quoting from Dr. Johnson's first report of the Institution written July 1, 1861, we find the following:

"Passing over an account of one or two abortive efforts to establish an Institution in this State for the Deaf and Dumb, anterior to the origin of this one, we would remark that in the month of February, in the year 1858, the undersigned entered into contract with his Excellency, A. B. Moore, Governor of the State, and the Superintendent of Public Education, to open a school for Deaf Mutes in the town of Auburn in the following April. The building which had been secured, proved upon a more thorough examination to be poorly adapted to the purposes contemplated. The

resignation of the Superintendent of Public Education, with other circumstances, delayed the opening of the School till the 1st of October following. In the meantime a commodious building in the town of Talladega had been secured in which the pupils were assembled at the time above designated. The number was of course small.

"The terms of the contract required that the undersigned, 'to the best of his ability should instruct all deaf mutes admitted into the School, teaching them the art of speaking by signs to each other, reading, writing and the ordinary branches of education.' He was further obligated 'to superintend their morals, manners, and conduct,' furnish the building which had been secured, and board and lodge the pupils.

"His compensation, under the contract, amounted to 'forty dollars per annum per pupil, a beneficiary of the State, and the further sum of two hundred dollars appropriated for that purpose, by Act of General Assembly, approved Feb. 2, 1854.'

"In the execution of the provisions of the above contract, the school was conducted by the undersigned, till the Session of the General Assembly for the years, 1859-60, when an Act was passed and approved, 'To establish an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.' "

Thus the Institution had its beginning.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT FOR BLIND

The circumstances under which the motive for the founding of this department was born are of peculiar interest. It is related that Mr. Reuben R. Asbury was captured during the War between the States and imprisoned in an underground cave near Lake Erie. It is said he remained in pitch darkness for about three years. While there he brooded much and pondered over the miseries and misfortunes of those bereft of sight and determined that, should he ever escape from the place, he would devote his life to the alleviation of the blind. Soon after his return from the War he, therefore, approached Dr. Johnson on the matter of a department for the blind in the Institution which, up to that time, had been rendering service to the deaf only. Dr. Johnson was agreeable to the addition of blind pupils to the school and in 1867 the blind were first admitted, with Mr. Asbury as first teacher.

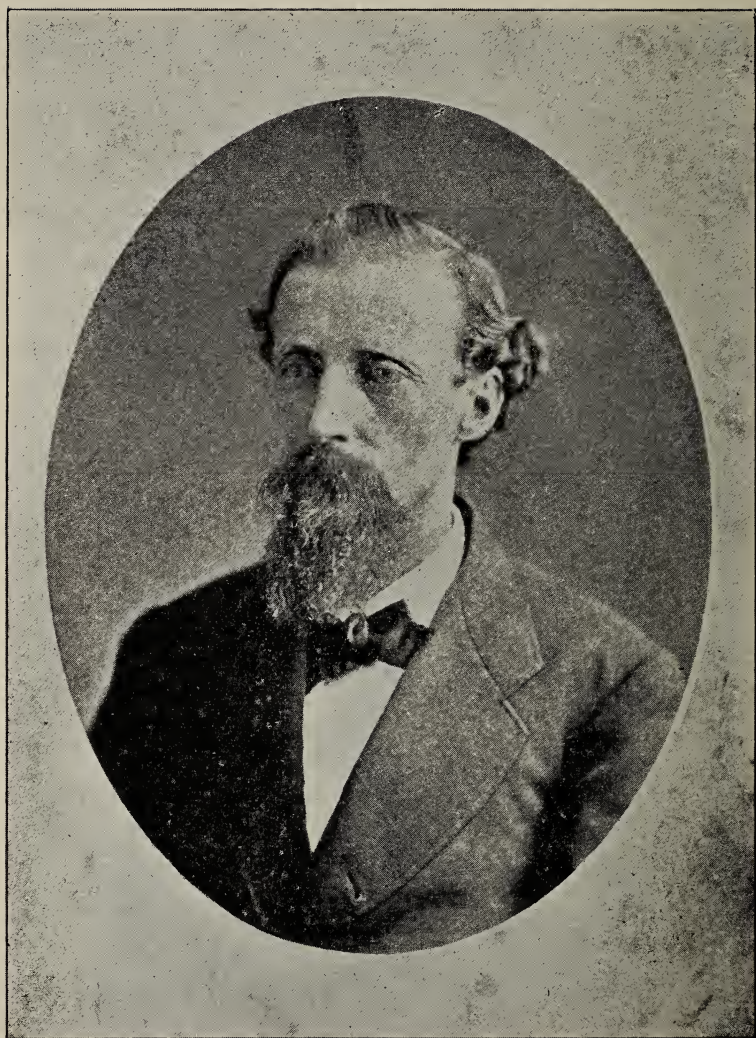
Through the years this department has rendered a service of priceless value to the lives of hundreds of children afflicted with blindness,

(C) *THE DEPARTMENT FOR NEGRO DEAF AND BLIND*

As the years passed education for the masses became more popular, and in the year 1892 a department for the colored deaf and blind was added to the school. A desirable site was found about one-half mile due south from the school for the white blind, buildings were erected and school was opened on January 4, 1892. Dr. Josiah S. Graves was the first principal of this department.



STATELY COLUMNS OF MANNING HALL



DR. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Sr.

SUPERINTENDENTS

DR. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Sr., (1858-1893)

The following is a transcription from the tablet found on the wall as one enters the front door of Johnson Hall:

JOHNSON HALL

Erected in 1911

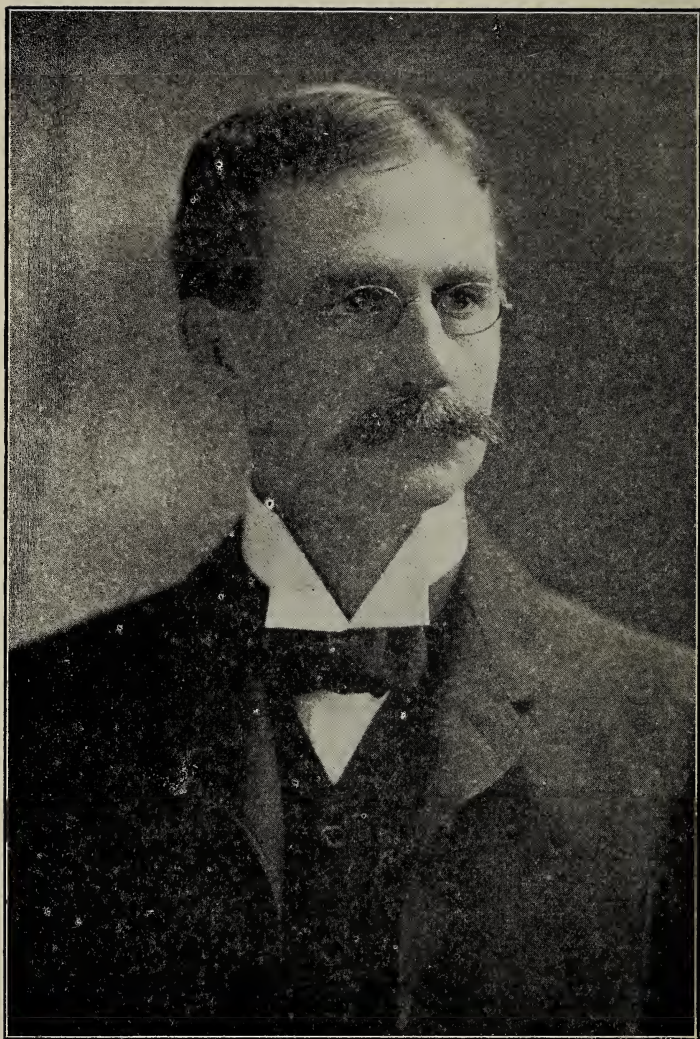
Named in appreciation of the devoted service and constructive work of Dr. Joseph Henry Johnson (1832-1893). Founder, Superintendent and Principal of the Alabama Schools for the Deaf and Blind from their beginning in 1858 to the date of his death in 1893.

A native of Georgia, an adopted citizen of Alabama, a physician of eminence, a Captain in the first Alabama Regiment, C.S.A., Grand Master of the Alabama Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M., a consistent member of the Methodist church and a leading citizen of the city and county of Talladega."

The words of this tablet summarize in brief form the history of the man. Dr. Johnson was indeed a great man in many ways and the deaf and the blind of Alabama are most fortunate to have had a man of his character and his scholarly ability to be the founder of this Institute. Here he laid the foundations for a lasting edifice and those foundations are solid and firm.

On March 10, 1858, Dr. Johnson was married to Miss Emily A. Darden of Polk County, Georgia. Seven children were born of this union. One of them, Dr. Joseph Henry Johnson, Jr., was to be his successor as Superintendent of this Institution.

Dr. Johnson was a versatile man. No one can read his reports without arriving at the conviction that he was a scholar, a gentleman and a Christian. Dr. Johnson could have been a writer had he chosen to be. His language is clear and strong, his every expression breathes the atmosphere of gentility, but, perhaps, the trait most noticeable in all of his reports is his unfailing recognition of the blessings of the Almighty. Merely to read his annual reports is a tonic to one whose faith may be flagging. Surely no man in all the world could have been better fitted mentally or spiritually than Dr. Johnson for the founding of an institution for the instruction of deaf and blind children. He has been gone almost a half-century, but his influence seems still as potent in this Institution as if he had passed only recently.



DR. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Jr.

DR. JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, Jr., (1893-1913)

The following quotation appears in the December 18, 1913, issue of *The Messenger*:

"Joseph Henry Johnson, LL.D., was born on May 13, 1864, in what is now the administration building of the Alabama School for the Deaf. That building was his childhood's home, it was the theater of his work during the most fruitful part of his life, and in that building he breathed his last. He was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1881, took a year of post-graduate study, receiving the degree of A.M. in 1882, was appointed a teacher in the Alabama School for the Deaf in the autumn of the same year. In the summer of 1884 he was married to Miss Nellie Guild Hall of Tuscaloosa, daughter of Dr. John Edward Hall, Surgeon-Major C.S.A.

"After a few years of service in the Kentucky School for the Deaf, (a portion of his life on which he always looked back with pleasure,) as head teacher, he was appointed in 1888 Principal of the Alabama School for the Blind, afterwards, Resident Principal of the School for the Deaf, and, on his father's death in 1893 he succeeded him as Superintendent of the three State schools, for the Deaf, the Blind, and the Negro Deaf and Blind, respectively, which office he held until his death. He was a Trustee of his Alma Mater, the University of Alabama; a member of the committee of the National Convention of Instructors of the Deaf, on its organ the *Annals*. He was chosen President of the Association of Instructors of the Blind in 1905. In 1911 the University of Alabama conferred on him the degree of LL.D."

Soon after his death Dr. George H. Denny, President of the University of Alabama, said, "Dr. J. H. Johnson had a fine grasp of educational conditions and problems. Indeed, he was an educational statesman."

Mr. H. L. McElderry, an intimate friend of Dr. Johnson, had this to say:

"He had vision—he hitched his wagon to a star.

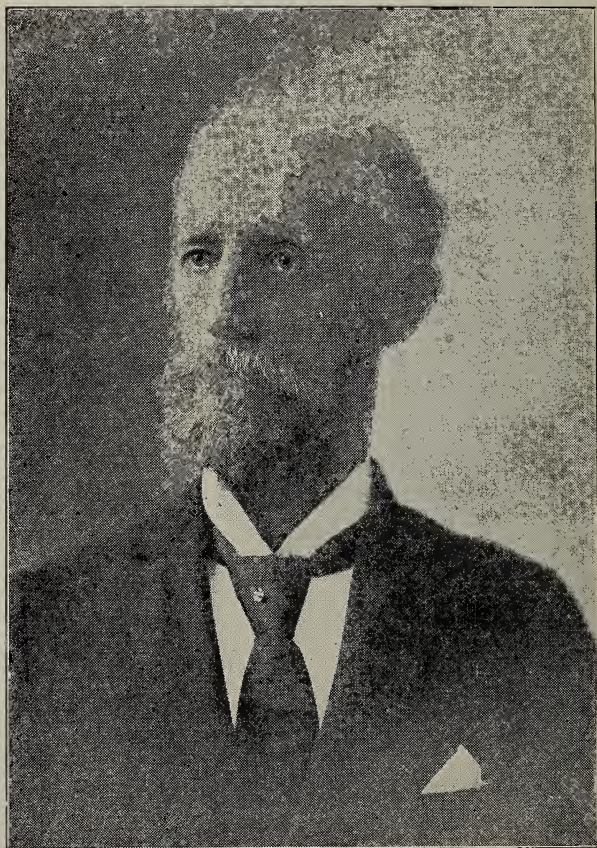
"He had courage, he had knowledge, he had self-control and he had patience.

"But more than this, there were other elements in his character.

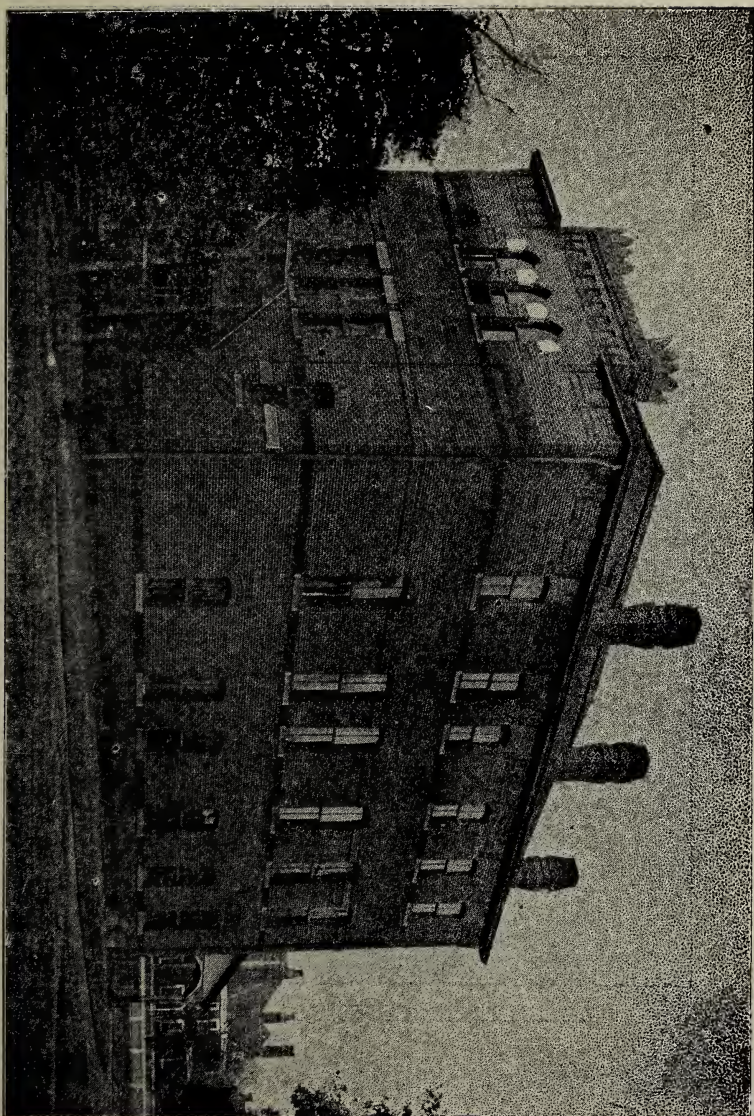
"Many a time and oft I have been walking in the Institute grounds with him in earnest conversation and a little tot of a mute would run up and place his hands in Hal's, look up into Hal's face with a look of happiness rarely seen on any child's face except one in the arms of its mother, and there would settle down on Hal's face a look of peace and you knew in his heart he was saying,—'these are my jewels.' "

From the above it can be seen that Dr. Joseph Henry Johnson, Jr., was an able and worthy son of his distinguished father. It may be said that he was literally born into his work and that throughout his fruitful life he gave his best of heart, head and hand to the task.

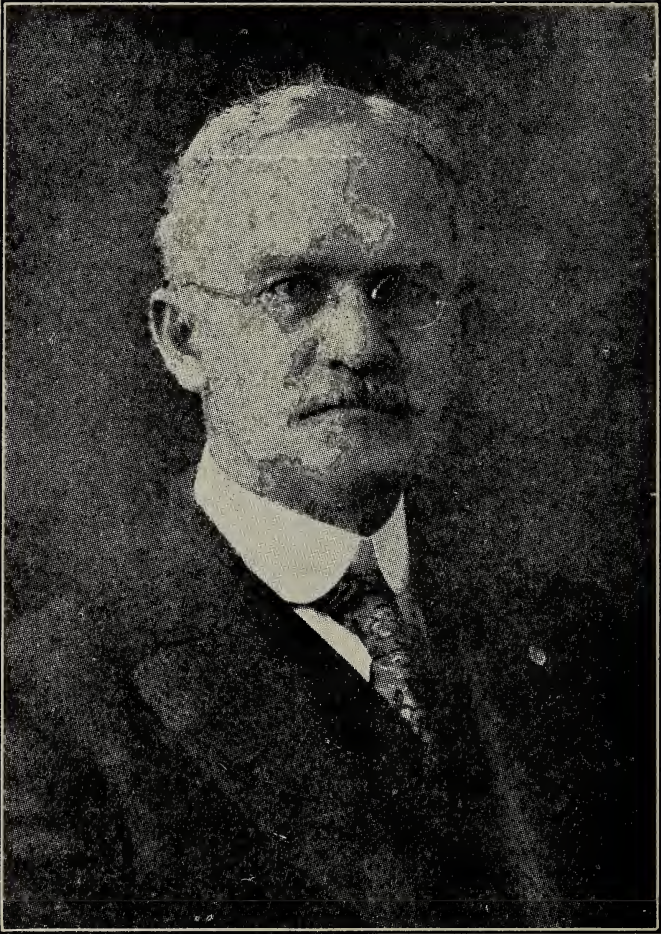
The writer had only a slight acquaintance with Dr. Johnson, but he was deeply impressed with the man's personality. He appeared to be a man of profound integrity, of great wisdom, but of few words. He died November 25, 1913.



WILLIAM SEABORN JOHNSON
First pupil of the Institution, Teacher 1872-1913



OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, SCHOOL FOR DEAF—Razed 1911



FREDERICK HAUGHTON MANNING

FREDERICK HAUGHTON MANNING, (1913-1929)

The following transcription is from the tablet found on the wall near the front entrance to Manning Hall:

"MANNING HALL

Erected 1850—Named April, 1929

Honoring

Frederick Haughton Manning who served for thirty-four years the Alabama Schools for Deaf and Blind as Principal and Superintendent in appreciation of faithful, honest and loyal leadership."

Mr. Manning graduated from Wake Forest College in 1887. After teaching a short time in his native state he accepted a position as head teacher in the department for the blind of the Colorado School for Deaf and Blind. He came to Talladega in 1895 as Principal of the Alabama School for the Blind and remained in that position until Dr. Johnson's death in 1913, at which time he was elected Superintendent of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

During Mr. Manning's administration as superintendent the school made solid, constructive progress. Mr. Manning was an educator of high rank and he instilled into pupils and teachers alike the fundamental principles of all good government; namely, honesty, integrity, self-control.

In his relationships with men Mr. Manning was somewhat shy and retiring. He was modest and prudent. It has been the writer's privilege to be associated with Mr. Manning through many years and I regard him as one of the highest, purest types of Christian manhood I have ever known. He is charitable towards the faults of others and free from gossip that would wrong any man.

Mr. Manning has one son by his first wife. On December 25, 1889 he married the widow, Mrs. Annie Cummings Wing. To this union Thomas C. Manning was born.

After the death of his first wife on January 30, 1913, Mr. Manning was again married on September 2, 1914 to Miss Ida Henderson. Miss Henderson had for some years been teaching in the blind department of this Institution. Mrs. Ida Manning died February 9, 1919.

On April 6, 1922 Mr. Manning was united with his present wife, Miss Susie Bishop. They are residing at the present time, 1942, in a delightful home on North Street of this City and a more gracious, hospitable home is not to be found.

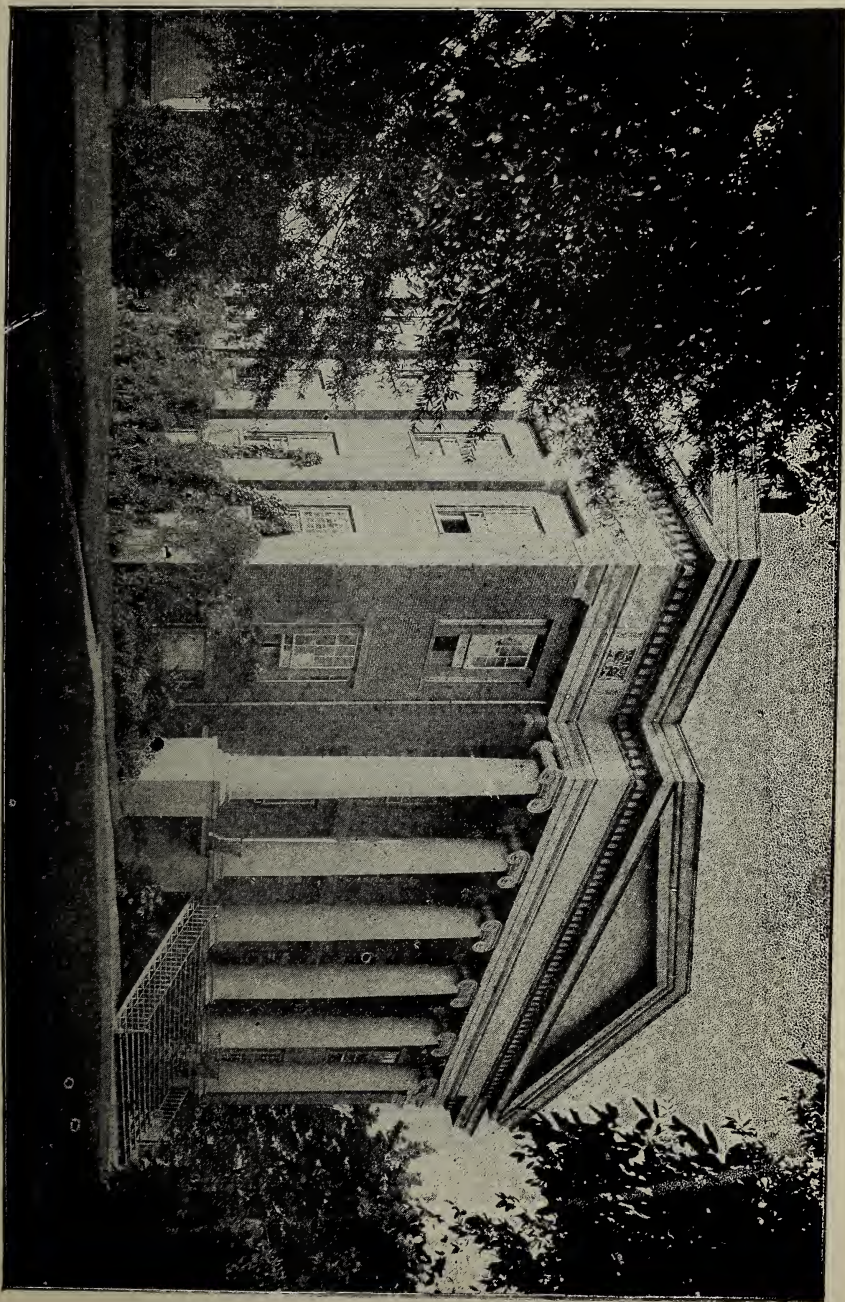
Mr. Manning has already passed his eightieth birthday, but he is still vigorous mentally and he is found at his place in church and at the meeting of the Board of Deacons at which he is a helpful member, loved and respected by all.

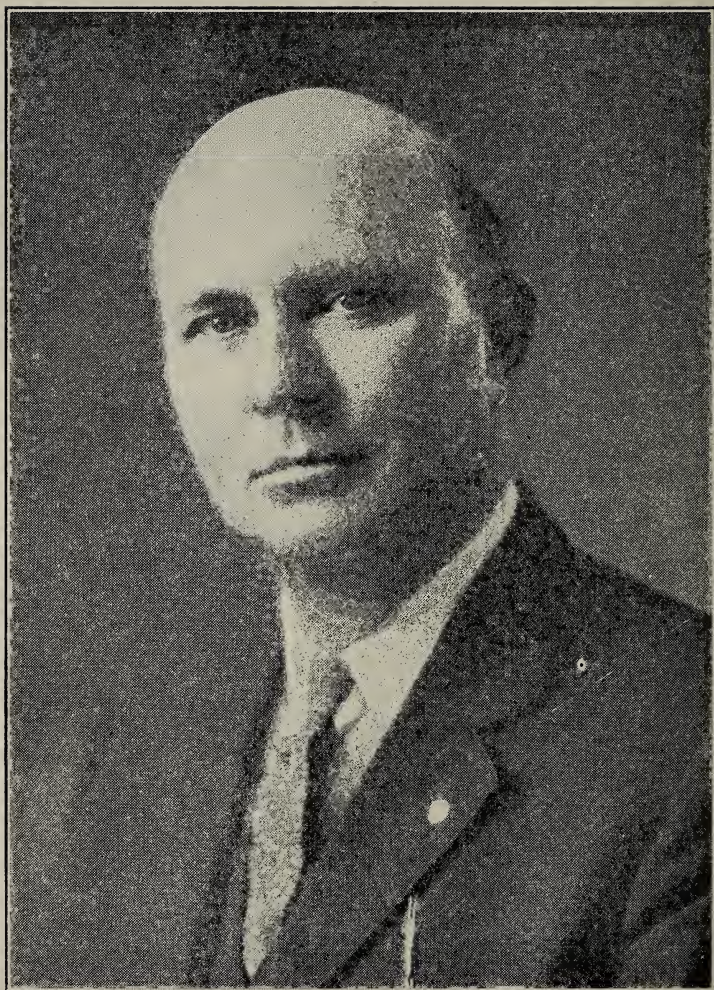
Manning Hall, which is the oldest and, without doubt, the most beautiful of all the buildings of the Institution, was fittingly named for Mr. Manning.

Mr. Manning retired from the superintendency June 30, 1929.



THE RED BUILDING, SCHOOL FOR BLIND





DR. DANIEL ARCHIBALD McNEILL

DR. DANIEL ARCHIBALD McNEILL, (1929-1933)

Dr. Daniel Archibald McNeill was born on March 9, 1877 near Sylacauga in Talladega County, Alabama. He received his early schooling in the public schools of Talladega and Clay counties. He attended the Lineville College where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. In 1906 he came to Talladega as Superintendent of the City Schools and he spent the remainder of his life in Talladega County engaged in his chosen profession of school work. In 1919 he was made County Superintendent of Education of Talladega County. He served in this capacity with marked success until 1929, at which time he was elected Superintendent of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. During the time that he was County Superintendent of Talladega County his work received recognition at the hands of the University of Alabama, which Institution conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Under his administration the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind saw considerable expansion, both in its physical equipment and in the enlargement of the courses of study. The Vocational Department in particular was greatly emphasized. But for the depression, which greatly hampered the progress of the Institution, Dr. McNeill's program of expansion would unquestionably have been even greater. Unfortunately, however, his brief administration came at the very time when the state and nation were in the throes of a desperate financial depression and it is greatly to the credit of Dr. McNeill that the Institution made the progress that it did make at such a time.

Dr. McNeill was united in marriage to Miss Hirsch Nichols, to which union one child, Helen Gray McNeill, was born.

Dr. McNeill was closely identified with the religious and civic affairs of his community. For a long time he was Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. He was a Rotarian and served as the President of his club. He was a speaker of ability and his services were in frequent demand.

Dr. McNeill was a versatile man. He was a splendid figure physically, and his personality was the kind that inspired confidence and respect. He was gifted with characteristic Scotch wit and he loved fun, but he was a hard worker and he had no patience with laziness or idleness in others.

Dr. McNeill was a statesman. He had keen insight, not only in matters pertaining to his own work, but in matters pertaining to the welfare of his community, of his State and of the nation. He died January 12, 1933.



OLIVER HALL—SCHOOL FOR BLIND

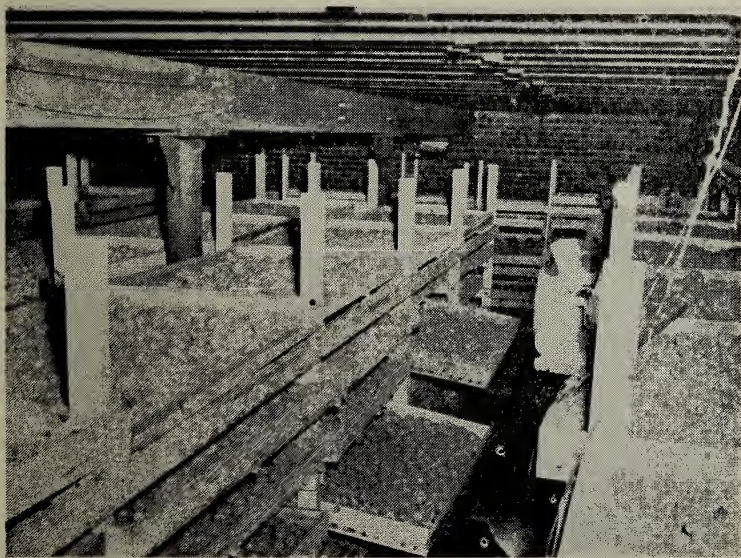
JUDGE SAMUEL CLARKE OLIVER, (1933-1933)

Following the death of Dr. McNeill January 12, 1933, Judge Oliver, who was at that time Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, was appointed at a meeting of the members of the Executive Committee on February 28, 1933 to act as superintendent until such a time as the Board of Trustees of the Institute should meet. The full Board met March 27, 1933 and elected D. Hardy Riddle, Superintendent. It will thus be seen that Judge Oliver acted as superintendent only a short time.

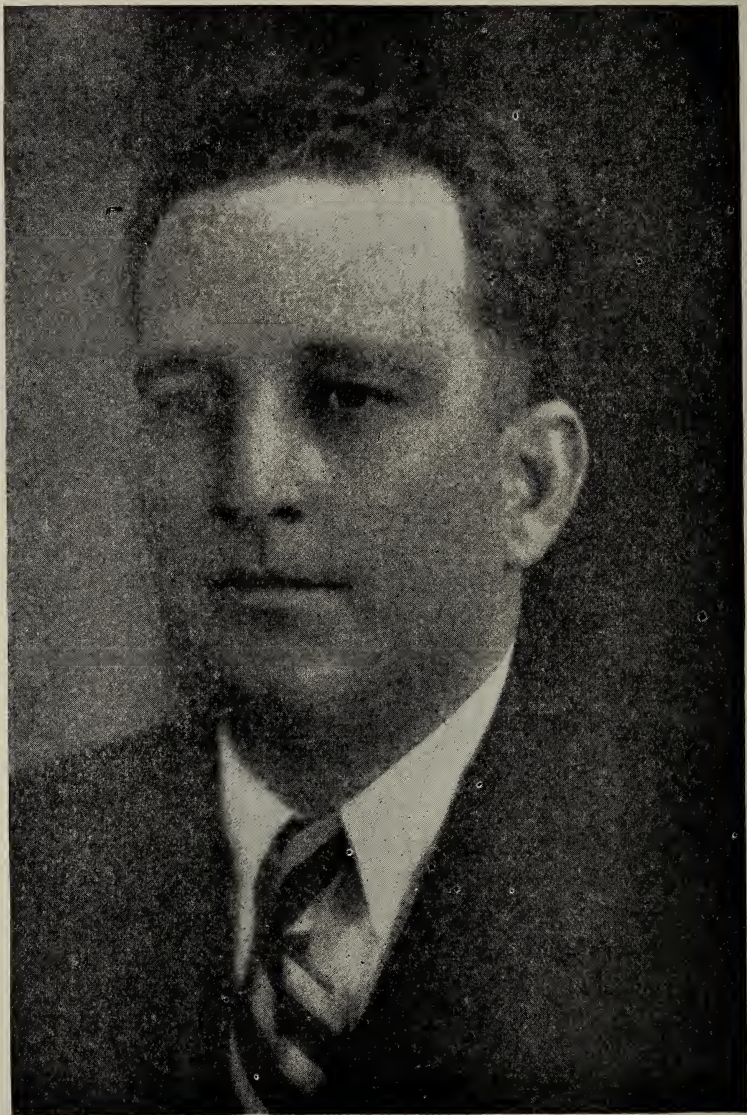
Judge Oliver proceeded at once to the publishing of the Biennial Report which Dr. McNeill had been preparing. He also gave close attention to the business affairs of the Institution during the short period of his incumbency.



DAIRY BARN AND SUPERVISOR'S COTTAGE



IRISH POTATOES STORED FOR THE WINTER



D. HARDY RIDDLE

DAVID HARDY RIDDLE, (1933-1938)

David Hardy Riddle was born June 5, 1900. He was educated in the public schools of Talladega and at the University of Alabama. He was graduated at the University of Alabama in 1921 with the degree of LL.B.

Following his graduation he practiced law for a number of years in Talladega.

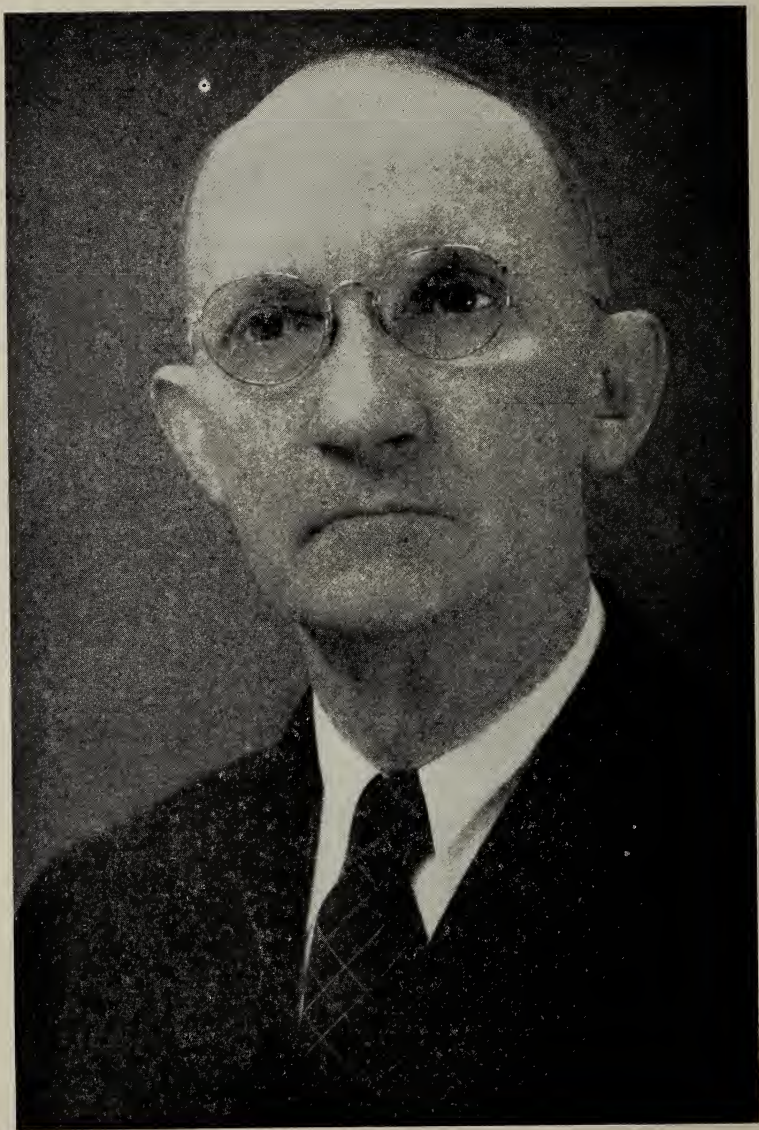
He was married on February 21, 1931, to Miss Lucille Franks.

Prior to his election as Superintendent, Mr. Riddle had been on the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

During his administration Superintendent Riddle was also a State Senator. This gave him contacts with many of the prominent men of Alabama and it also gave him an opportunity to place the needs of the Institution before the legislative body of Alabama. It was during his administration that the compulsory attendance laws of this Institution were passed.

Superintendent Riddle's administration was marked by considerable expansion in the physical equipment of the Institution. Sidewalks and driveways at both the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind were paved. The athletic field which bears his name was put in condition and seats were provided. The Institution hospital was finished during the last year of his administration. Several hundred acres of land were added to the school farm West of the City.

One of the outstanding characteristics of Superintendent Riddle was his kindness. He was loved by his staff and by his pupils. He could be firm when occasion required, but his genial smile and his pleasant greetings usually disarmed any unhappiness. Superintendent Riddle had great capacity for making and holding friends. He resigned September 7, 1938, to accept appointment as Probate Judge of Talladega County.



DR. JOSEPH SAMUEL GANEY

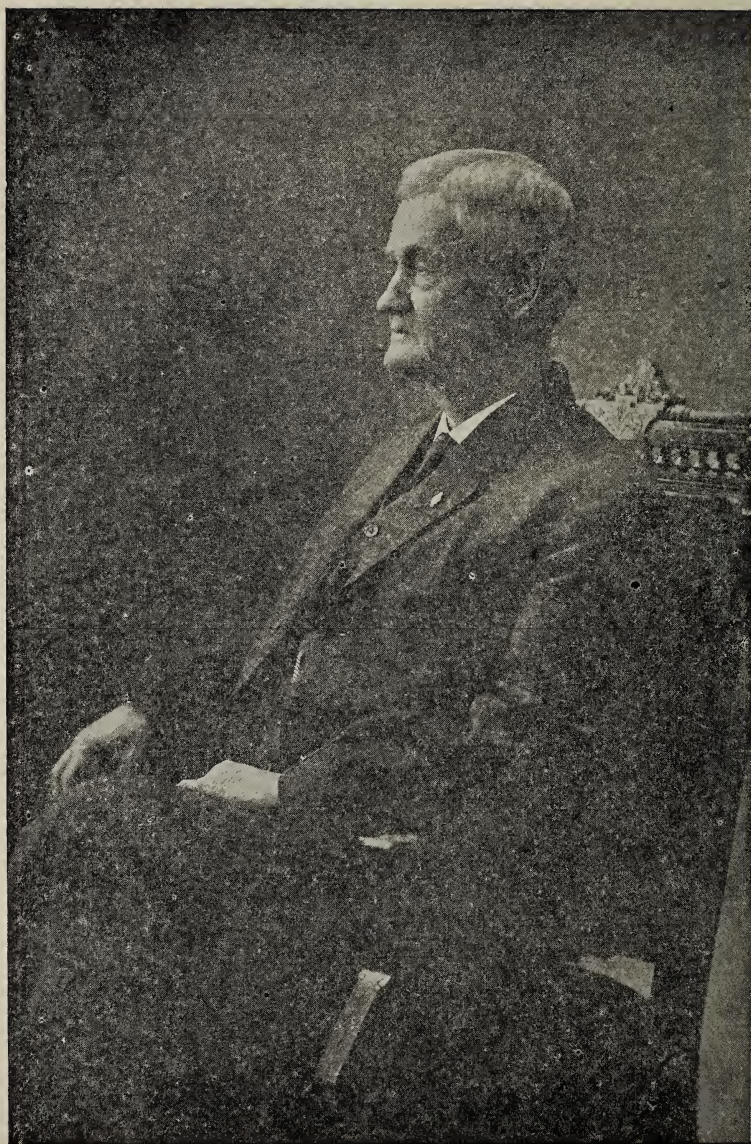
DR. JOSEPH SAMUEL GANEY, (1938—)

The writer was born in Covington County, Alabama on December 5, 1880. He was educated in the public schools of Alabama, at the State Normal College in Troy, Alabama, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and at the University of Virginia. In 1939 Howard College conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on him.

Soon after graduation from Troy in 1907 he was married to Julia David. They have one adopted child, Mary Frances Ganey.

In early manhood he chose the teaching profession and has pursued it without interruption since finishing college. He taught in the public schools of Alabama until 1914. In June, 1914, he accepted the principalship of the Alabama School for the Blind where he remained until 1938, at which time he was elected Superintendent of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. Whatever accomplishments he may have made, or shall make in this position must be left for another to report.

It remains only to be said that he appreciates the high honor of being at the head of this great Institution and purposes to give to the limit of his ability to the training and welfare of the deaf and blind of his native State.



DR. JOSIAH S. GRAVES

PRINCIPALS

The term principal is used to designate the official of the school in immediate charge of the department. For a number of years the school had no principals, and then as the school grew certain teachers were known as head teachers, or assistants to the superintendent. In course of time, however, these officers who are now designated as principals, especially in the blind department, were called superintendents. However, about the year 1929, the present nomenclature was used and the writer is listing them just as if it had been used from the beginning.

Principals of the School for the Deaf

Miss Carrie Henderson	1913	1932
Miss Eugenia Thornton	1932	—

Principals of the School for the Blind

Dr. J. H. Johnson, Jr.	1888	1892
W. A. Wilson	1892	1893
Carleton Mitchell	1893	1895
F. H. Manning	1895	1914
Dr. J. S. Ganey	1914	1938
A. Abrams	1938	—

Principals of the School for the Negro Deaf and Blind

Dr. J. S. Graves	1892	1923
Mrs. J. S. Graves	1923	1925
L. R. Divine	1929	1932
C. E. Jones	1932	—

TEACHERS

Following is a list of the teachers of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind by schools. Three hundred eighteen men and women have been teachers in this institution as follows:

School for the Deaf	216
School for the Blind	71
School for Colored Deaf and Blind	31

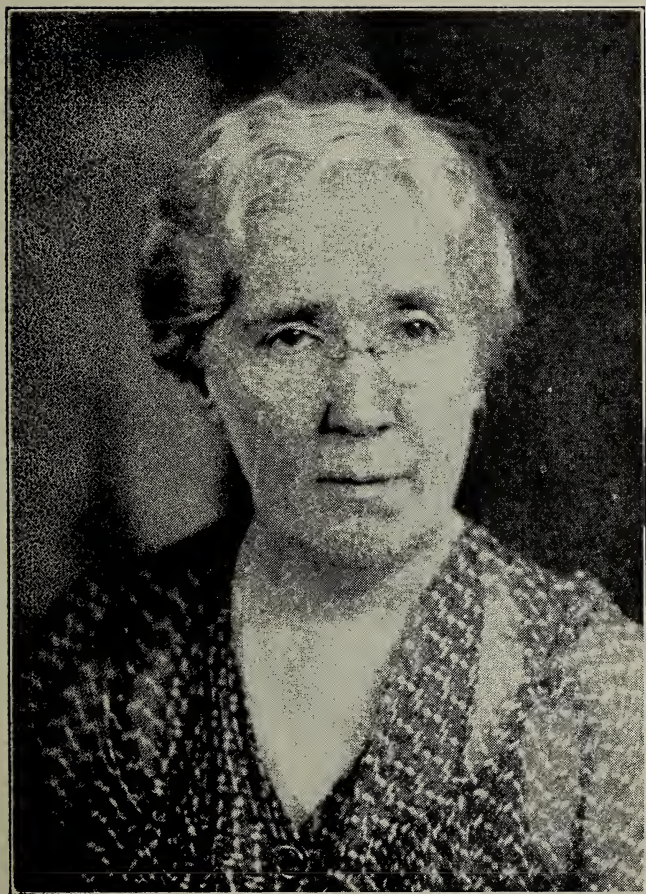
This list contains the names of many men and women who have devoted their lives and talents to training the minds and hearts of the deaf and the blind children of Alabama. Whatever accomplishments the institution has made, surely a great part of it is due to their untiring zeal and sincere devotion.

In the year 1940 the Trustees had a survey made of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind by the Survey Department of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. Writing with reference to the personnel of the institution, the survey committee had the following to say in part:

"His immediate assistants (the Superintendent's), that is, the school principals, the business manager, the director of vocational training, and the head matrons, are men and women of fine human sensibilities, responsive to the best needs of their respective positions. The visiting group was struck with the high-minded character of these persons, and there was ample evidence that this character was reflected in the conduct and bearing of the children enrolled in the school.'



PLAY DAY SCENE



MISS CARRIE HENDERSON



OFFICERS AND TEACHERS, SESSION 1941—42

Teachers of the Deaf

Miss Sallie F. Johnson, Assistant	1860	1861
E. M. Hughston	1860	1873
J. H. Jernigan	1860	1873
Mrs. E. A. Johnson	1861	1873
Jehu A. Hoge	1862	1889
W. S. Johnson	1871	1913
Miss Mary E. Toney	1873	1914
James Campbell	1873	1880
A. Zelinskie	1876	1877
W. G. Davison	1879	1906
Osce Roberts	1879	1905
James W. Borden	1883	1883 Drowned
J. H. Johnson, Jr.	1882-1884	1893-1913
S. J. Johnson	1884	1911
M. B. C. Brown	1884	1891
Miss A. L. Johnson	1884	1908
Miss Daisy Martin	1888	1890
Miss Kate Fish	1890	1891
Miss Sally Mabry	1890	1891
M. J. Hengle	1890	1897
Miss Mary McGuire	1891	1895
Miss Leis Atwood	1891-1893	1897-1901
John Lennard	1891	1897
Miss Emma Ruppert	1891	1902
Miss Vivian May	1896	1898
Miss Grace D. Ely	1896	1897
Miss O. E. D. Hart	1896	1897
J. F. Bledsoe	1894	1898
T. S. McAloney	1895	1898
Miss Alice W. Ely		
(Mrs. W. B. Castleberry)	1897-1898	1911-1912
Miss Nettie McDaniel	1898	1899
Miss K. B. Henderson	1898	1901
Miss Bertha H. Gault	1897	1898
J. A. Hilton	1898	1912
R. S. West	1897	1898
Miss Jessamine Curd	1898	1900
Mr. Weston J. Jenkins	1898	1914
Mrs. I. V. Jenkins	1898	1917
Mr. James McDonald	1898	1937
Miss Nellie M. Taylor	1901	1912

TEACHERS OF THE DEAF, (Continued)

Miss Mary F. Walker	1901	1909'
Miss Laura Wing	1901	1902
Miss Loula Asbury	1902	1902
Miss Mary M. Bell	1902	1905
Miss Elizabeth Rice	1902	1904'
Miss Mattie Stevens	1902	1908
Miss Minnie O. Bell	1903	1904
Miss Enfield Joiner	1904	1912
Miss Sarah Irvine	1904	1906'
Miss Carrie Henderson, Prin.	1904-1920	1921-1936
Harry Best	1904	1906'
Miss M. M. Whitney	1906	1908
Miss Olga Gebhart	1905	1906
Miss Mabel K. Jones	1906	1908
H. McP. Hofsteater	1906-1913	1916-1926
Miss Virginia Taylor	1908	1909
E. M. Hagyard	1908	1917
Miss Eugenia Thornton	1908-1910	1917—
Mrs. O. T. Hofsteater	1908-1913	1919-1937
Miss Hollie Owens	1908	1910
Miss Mary Helen Van Arsdall	1910	1911
Miss Freida G. Kann	1909	1912
Miss Theo K. Riggs	1910-1912, 1921-1922	1928-1936
J. M. Robertson	1910	1918
Miss Eunice Hoffman		
(Mr. Remson)	1912-1919	1920-1927
Miss Mary L. Gordon	1912-1917, 1918-1935	1936—
J. H. McFarlane	1912	—
Miss Ida M. Wilde	1912	1919
Miss Jess Brown		
(Mrs. J. E. Stone)	1912	1918
Miss Lester Stanback	1912	1913
Miss Stella Lapsley	1912	1930
Mrs. Kate S. Shibley	1913	1916
Harry B. Shibley	1913	1916
Miss Cooper Felard	1913	1915
Miss Nannie Goodloe	1914	1919
Mis Kate Alcorn	1914	1917
Fred H. Hughes	1914	1915
Frederick A. Moore	1915	1917
Miss Maumee Roberts	1915-1920	1921-1928



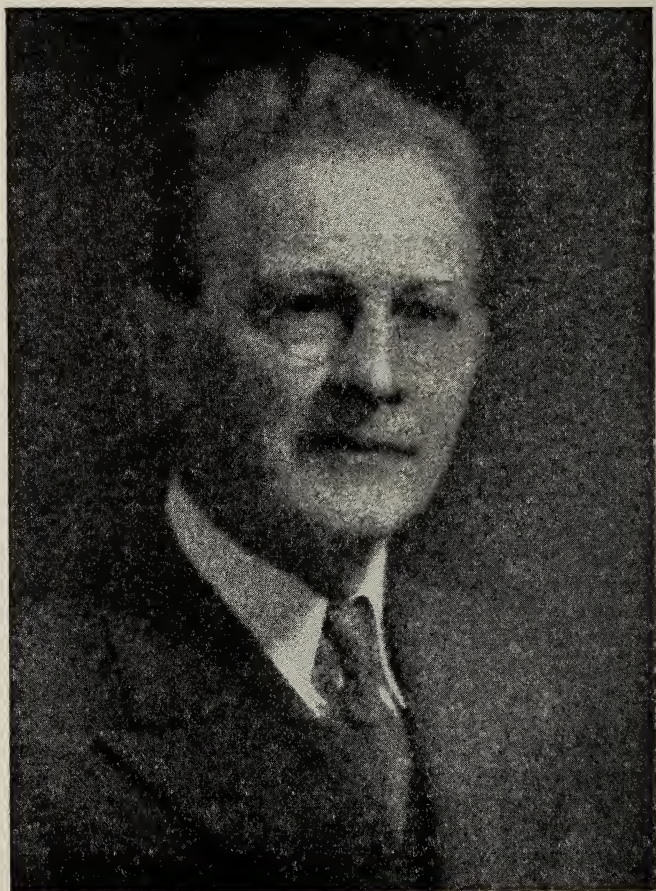
MISS EUGENIA THORNTON

TEACHERS OF THE DEAF, (Continued)

Miss Elena Ivey		
(Mrs. M. C. Stewart)	1915-1919	1921-1922
Miss Mildred Lloyd	1916	1917
Miss Beatrice Protheroe	1916	1919
Miss Alice Bowman (Mrs. Allen)	1917-1921	1924—
Miss M.B.Osborne (Mrs. Jenkins)	1917	1930
Henry J. Pulver	1917	1919
Miss Carrie A. Haynes	1917	1919
Miss Neldam Hughes	1917	1919
Mrs. Marie Noll Cormack	Jan.-May 1918	1918
John W. McCandless	1918	1921
Miss Ruth Sims	1918-1924	1925—
Miss Margaret Storey	April, 1919	1919
Miss Lucy Bowman	1919	1920
Miss Jocie Sims	1919	1920
Miss Kathryn Orndorff	1919	1920
Miss Martha Melchior	1919	1920
Miss Margaret Chisholm	1919	1920
Miss Mary Brown Roberts	1919	1920
Miss Hattie Harrell	1919	1920
Miss Mabel Hubbard	1919	1934
Miss Em Shelton	Nov. 1919	1920
Miss Mary New	1920	1921
Miss F. Fern Hall	1920	1921
Miss Marion Pumphrey	1920	1922
Miss Elizabeth E. Givens	1920	1921
Miss Elizabeth W. Warren	1920	1922
Miss Helen I. Crider	1920	1922
Miss Emily Asbury	1920-1927	1934—
Mrs. J. H. McFarlane	1920	1925
Miss Minnie O. Mollison	1921	1923
Miss Sara B. Trimble	1921	1922
Miss Ella L. Warren	1921	1922
William F. Grace	1921	—
Miss Maud Carter	1922	1923
Miss Corinne Roberts	1922	1925
Miss Irene Slaughter	1922	1924
Miss Mary B. Campbell	1922	1923
Mrs. Fred C. Numbers, Jr.	1922	1923
Fred C. Numbers, Jr.	1922	1923
Miss Josephine W. Hayden	1922	1924
Miss Martha Davis	1923-1928	1930—

TEACHERS OF THE DEAF, (Continued)

Miss Evelyn Tudhope	1923	1924
Miss Mary Killeen	1923	1925
Mrs. Myrtle H. Leonard	1923	—
Lloyd E. Berg	1923	1924
Miss Millicent Fuller	1923	1925
Miss Lee Griffin	1924	1925
Charles E. McDonald	1924	1926
Miss Whitley Murphy	1924	1925
Mrs. L. T. O'Brien	1924	1926
Miss Frances McClave	1924	1925
'G. A. Morgan	1924	—
Miss Katherine McMillan	1925	—
Miss Katherine Pumphrey	1925	1928
Miss Fannie E. Thompson	1925	1928
Miss Sallie Crockett	1925	1926
Miss Glenn Davis	1925	1928
Miss Nannie Golden	1925	—
Miss Maureen Mills	1925	1928
Miss Marie Pearson	1925	1930
Miss Nina Weaver	1926-1928	1931-1934
Miss Alma Weaver	1926	1928
John W. Haynes	1926-1928	1934-1941
Harry L. Baynes	1926-1927	1929—
Miss Anne Collier	1926	1927
Mrs. Maude Dixon Kyser	1927-1937	1938—
Miss Edyth F. Dixon	1927	1930
Miss Beth Jones	1927	1930
Miss Nelle S. Griffith	1927	—
Miss Helen F. Pumphrey	1927	1931
Edward J. Szopa	1927	1929
Edward R. Wren	1927	1930
Miss Alma Winter	1927	1929
Miss Nan Henderson	1928	1937
Miss Anne Clark	1928	1929
Miss Otis Cain	1928	1390
Miss Susan Herriett	1928	1930
L. R. Divine	1928	1929
Miss Mary Skehan	1928	—
Miss Pauline Marler	1928	1930
Miss Erin Tubbs	1928	—
Mrs. Julia E. Coburn	1928	1931
Mrs. Margaret Chamberlain	1929	1938



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TEACHERS OF THE DEAF, (Continued)

Mrs. Virginia Allcott	1929-1937	1938—
Miss Elizabeth Braswell (Mrs. Thomason)	1929-1932	1935-1938
Miss Catherine Riser	1929	—
C. F. Belk	1929	1941
Sam Morgan	1929	1939
Miss Louise Keen	1930	1932
Miss Rochie Doughty	1930	1931
Miss Mary Vance (Mrs. Snell)	1930-1932	1940—
Miss Marion Franks	1930	—
Mrs. Lola Hurst	1930	—
Miss Troy Thweatt	1930	—
Miss Mary Emma Zeigler	1930	1933
Miss Irma Johnson	1930	—
Miss Martha Grisard	1930	1932
A. S. Harris	1930	1931
Miss Martha McClary (Mrs. Mead Wood)	1931	1940
Miss Nellie Geiger	1931	1932
Miss Elizabeth Higgins	1931	1933
Alfred Palmer	1931	1942
Mrs. G. H. Sawyer	1932	1940
Mrs. Guy E. Snaverly	1932	1935
Miss Sara Redfearn	1932	1937
Miss Bernice Alberson	1933	1936
Miss Martha Bruner	1933	—
Miss Mary Grogan	1933	1938
Miss Anne K. Boger	1933	1935
Mrs. Louise Simms Hamnett	1933	—
L. E. Clifford	1933	—
Howard T. Hofsteater	1934	1938
Mrs. A. F. Toole	1934	—
Miss Emily Dowdell	1934	1936
Mrs. A. F. Palmer	1935	1941
W. S. Whatley	1936	—
Mary Frances Hicks	1937	1938
Mrs. S. G. Fisher	1937	—
Miss Callie Hardy (Mrs. Walter Shaddix)	1937	—
Miss Doris Poyzer (Mrs. Caligiuri)	1937	1939
Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland	1938	—

TEACHERS OF THE DEAF, (Continued)

Mrs. Howard T. Hofsteater	1938	—
B. Q. Scuggs	1939	—
Fred C. Starck	1939	1940
Mrs. B. Q. Scruggs	1939	1940
Archer P. Bardes	1939	—
Mrs. Grace Tatler	1939	—
Miss Jessie C. Stevens		
(Mrs. Mead Wood)	1939	—
Miss Glennice Hicks	1940	—
Miss Frances May	1940	—
Miss Claudia Huston	1940	—
R. L. Rhodes	1940	1941
Miss Mannie Sparks	1941	—
Olen Tate	1941	—
Roy K. Patton	1941	—
Miss Mildred Albert	1941	—
Miss Franc Johnson	1941	—

Teachers Of The Blind

R. R. Asbury	1868	1876
Miss Emma Omberg	1870	1883
George M. Cruikshank	1876	1881
George S. Walden	1882	1884
Joseph S. Graves	1882	1892
J. S. Laverty	1884	1904
Miss Lydia Borden	1886	1893
Mrs. Ola Graves	1888	1890
A. W. Williams	1890	1925
Charles Petty	1890	1915
W. A. Wilson	1892	1894
Miss Rosa Borden	1892	1893
J. H. Johnson, Principal	1892	1893
Miss South	1892	1894
Carleton Mitchell, Principal	1893	1894
Miss Carrie Hemphill	1894	1895
Miss Eloise Hemphill	1894	1895
F. H. Manning, Principal	1895	1913
Miss Annie W. Brockman	1895	1938
Miss Lilah McDaniel	1895	1899
Miss Fannie L. Leonard	1896	1899
T. L. Williams	1896	1915
Miss Ida Brockman	1899-1902	1914-1941



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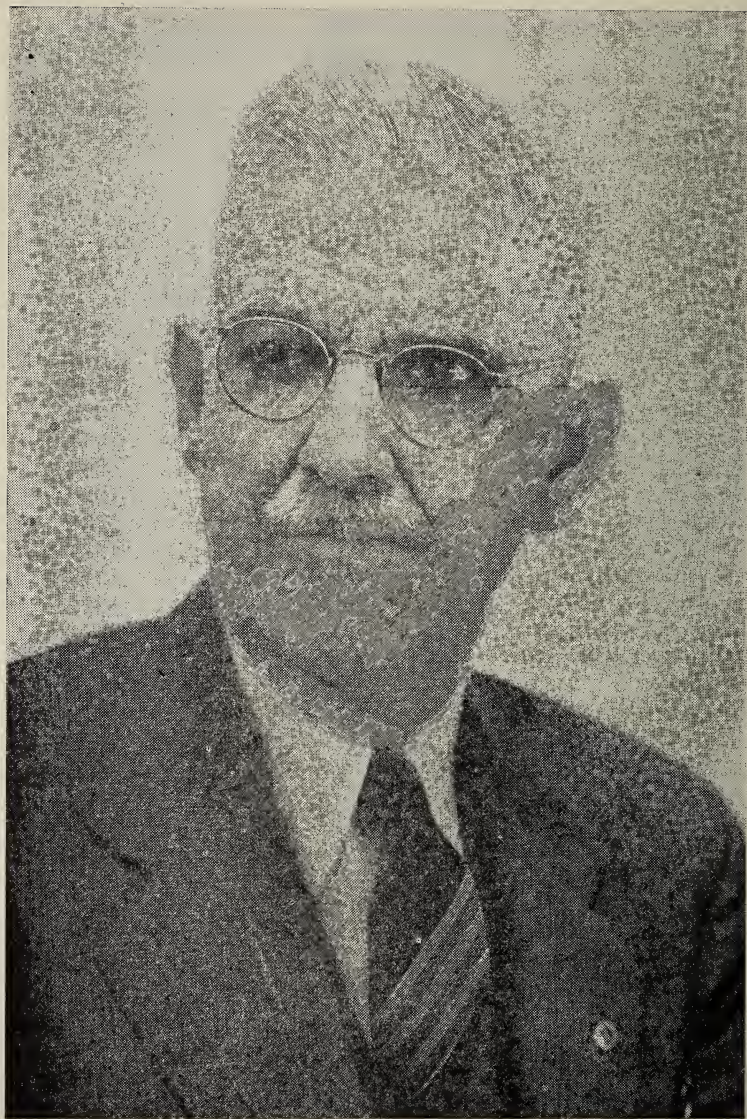
Miss Lou Blake (Mrs. Rice Woodward)	1899-1903	1919—
Miss Ida Henderson	1900	1913
Miss Clara Cruikshank	1902	1911
Miss Flornce Blake	1904	1911
Miss L. Bonner	1904	1914
Miss Julia Champion	1906	1909
George S. Hamm	1908	—
Miss Stella Bucy	1912-1913	1916-1917
Miss Johnnie Gardner	1912	1913
J. S. Ganey, Principal	1914	1938
Miss Nona Dobson	1914	1917
Miss Annie Thompson	1914	1925
Miss Mollie McKinnon	1915	1916
Miss Virginia Cartee (Mrs. Roepke)	1916-1925	1930—
B. F. Fitzgerald	1916	1917
Miss G. Haynes	1917	1920
Mrs. Nannie B. Robinson	1917	1919
Miss Elizabeth Levie	1918	1922
Francis M. Isaacs	1918	1922
Miss Lillian Ricks	1920	—
Miss Winona Pounds	1922	1924
Miss Clifford Elliott	1922	1924
Miss Bessie Priester	1922	—
George C. Roepke	1922	1925
Miss Ivan Mayfield	1923	1924
Miss Inez Powell	1924	1926
Mrs. Florence Reid	1924	1939
Miss Irene Smith	1925	1932
Malcolm L. Cobb	1925	1930
Miss Lucille Mahan	1925	—
Charlès Grider	1925	—
Mrs. B. P. Autrey	1926	—
Mrs. W. C. Dowdell	1928	—
Miss Geneva Smith	1930	1935
Mrs. Emmie Williams	1934	—
Eugene Landreth	1934	—
Miss Lula Ruth Goggans (Mrs. Howard)	1935-1938	1941-1941
Mrs. W. T. Burns	1936	—
A. Abrams, Principal	1938	—

TEACHERS OF THE BLIND, (Continued)

Miss Juanita Eubanks	1938	1941
Carl Monroe	1938	—
Mrs. Tom Williams	1939	—
Miss Ida Nell McKinnon	1940	1941
Miss Mary Boyd Hardenburgh	1940	—
Miss Lois Reynolds	1941	—
Miss Delle Mullen	1941	—
Miss Daisy McKinnon	1941	—
Miss Doris Smith	1941	—

Teachers Of The Negro Deaf And Blind

J. S. Graves, Principal	1892	1924
Robert Spivey	1892	1894
Alfred F. Wood	1892	1896
J. W. Rogers	1893	1906
George Thomason	1894	1938
Mrs. Mary Patterson	1894	1906
J. M. Robertson	1906	1910
William Connolly	1906	1910
J. W. McCandless	1910	1919
N. A. McCutchern	1910	1918
R. F. Hughes	1912	1914
William Grace	1920	1921
W. H. Benaugh	1921	1923
K. Walsh	1921	1928
C. E. Jones, Principal	1923-1930	1932—
Mrs. C. E. Jones	1923-1930	1932—
Mrs. J. S. Graves, Principal	1923	1925
Eugene Landreth	1925	1936
M. L. Striplin	1925	1929
Mrs. F. H. McFarlane	1926-1928, 1930-1932	1933—
Mrs. Grover A. Morgan	1928	—
A. J. Hardy	1929	1939
L. E. Divine, Principal	1929	1932
LeRoy Riding	1930	1931
Harry Hulsey	1931	—
Miss Lucille Jones	1932	1933
Joe Ledbetter	1936	—
Mrs. Harry L. Baynes	1938	—
Miss Elsie McBride	1939	1941
H. F. Beverly	1939	—
George Shaw	1941	—



C. E. JONES

OFFICERS

The list of officers which follows is composed chiefly of supervisors and dietitians. It is possible that some names in the list will appear in other lists in different capacities. Several officers have filled more than one position in this Institution.

It can be truly said here that the following list contains the names of many men and women who have rendered no mean service in the character building of the pupils and in the efficient work of the Institution through the years.

School for the Deaf

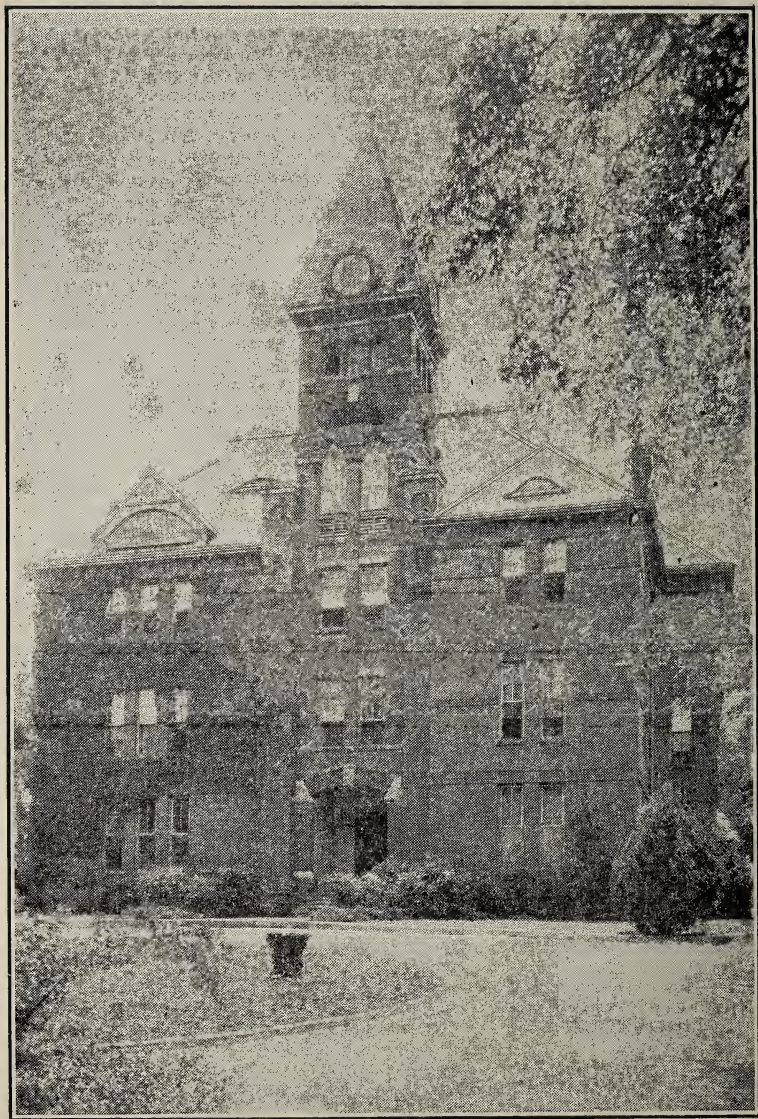
Reuben R. Asbury	1861	1862
Mrs. R. R. Asbury	1861	1862
Mrs. E. A. Johnson	1861-1862, 1875-1876	1882-1886
E. A. Estell	1868	1869
Mrs. E. A. Estell	1868	1869
Mrs. C. B. Asbury	1868	1873
Mrs. Frances Simmons	1869-1870	1880-1882
Mrs. E. J. Groom	1870	1876
Mrs. S. M. James	1873	1875
O. J. Hamilton	1876	1878
M. J. Oliver	1878	1880
Miss Lizzie Neale	1880	1881
Mrs. M. J. Williams	1882	1888
J. A. Hoge	1886	1890
Miss M. Field	1886	1892
Miss M. E. Toney	1886-1890	1893-1914
Miss Alice A. McMillan	1888	1893
J. H. Johnson, Jr.	1892	1913
Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Jr.	1892	1895
Miss J. D. Bissel	1893	1895
Miss Sarah Tillinghast	1895	1898
W.G. Davison	1895	1898
Miss Mary Rhyne	1895	1899
Mrs. S. M. Montgomery	1896	1897
Hill Benagh	1897	1901
Miss Netie Weaver	1897	1898
John Lennard	1897	1898
Miss Willie McLane	1898	1899
Mrs. K. H. Doyle	1898	1899
Miss Emma Ruppert	1898	1900
James Gibson	1898	1901
Miss Sallie Munn	1899	1900

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF, (Continued)

Mrs. V. A. Hamill	1899	1900
Miss Lettie Neale	1899	1900
Will Sayre	1900	1901
Mrs. Susie Williams	1900	1901
Miss Rosa Brierly	1900	1901
Miss Annie Strom	1900	1901
Miss Mattie Stevens	1901	1904
Marvin Hendricks	1901	1904
Miss Nannie Goodloe	1901-1912	1914-1919
Mrs. Hennie House	1901	1902
Miss Florence Meyers	1901	1927
Clyde Colbert	1901	1904
Miss Mollie Mason	1901	1906
Fred Kimball	1901	1904
Mrs. Emma Downton	1902	1904
Mrs. B. B. Cressy	1904	1906
Kinyan Waits	1904	1906
F. M. Bell	1904	1912
Harry Best	1904	1906
Mrs. Sallie B. Neal	1906	1908
Miss Mattie Robinson	1906	1910
Walker Fowler	1906	1910
Mrs. S. E. McMininny	1908	1912
Miss Jennie Adams	1910	1915
Mr. A. J. Nix	1910	1915
Miss Susie E. Wilcox	1912	1924
Miss Mattie Adams	1912	1913,
Boyd Bell	1912	1917
Miss Lillian Montgomery	1913	—
W. L. Gardiner	1914	1916
Miss Gertrude E. Mann	1914	1915
Miss Lilla Bonner	1915	1917
J. F. Horn	1915	1916
J. W. Warren	1916	1917
Miss Bessie Davis	1917	1917
Mrs. James McDonald	1917-18	1925-26
James McDonald	1917	1919
H. J. Pulver	1917	1918
Mrs. Viola Hancock	1918	1923
Joseph M. Fant	1918	1919
Miss Elizabeth Goodloe	1919	1920
Frank M. Keith	1919	1923

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF, (Continued)

Miss Mary Lou Montgomery	1920	—
J. H. Capps	1921	1923
Miss Maumee Roberts	1921	1925
Miss Clara Lou Rogers	1923	—
Wright S. Gilchrist	1923	—
Mrs. Annie M. Hendricks	1929	—
Mrs. Marie Thompson	1925	—
Mrs. Henry Bright	1926	1931
Miss Emma Pettis	1927	1929
Mrs. Fern Williams	1928	1929
Mrs. Willie B. Gaines	1928	1929
Mrs. Charles Grider	1928	1929
Mrs. Beulah Henegan	1929	1935
J. E. Warren	1929	1930
Miss Mildred Tompkins	1929	1933
Mrs. M. C. McKinnon	1929	1931
Edward R. Wren	1929	1930
Miss Essie Christopher	1929	1934
A. S. Harris	1930	1931
W. P. Wade	1931	—
F. A. Shelton	1931	1935
Alfred Palmer	1931	1942
Mrs. J. S. Kennedy	1931	1937
Miss Era Boyd	1931	1935
Miss Elizabeth Riddle	1933	1935
Guy E. Snavelly	1933	1938
Mrs. Grace King	1934	1941
Mrs. Vara Kimsey	1935	—
Mrs. Kate Smith	1935	—
Mrs. Allen Smith	1935	1935
Walter Shaddix	1935	1940
Miss Beulah Jones (Mrs. Whatley)	1935	1940
Mrs. J. J. Arnold	1937	1940
George R. Burton	1938	1941
Mrs. Hattie West	1940	—
Roy Lewis Rhodes	1940	1941
Mrs. H. H. Holmes	1940	—
Miss Claudia Huston	1940	—
Allison Thrasher	1940	1941
P. W. Henley	1941	—
Ira Freeman	1941	—
Mrs. R. A. King	1941	—



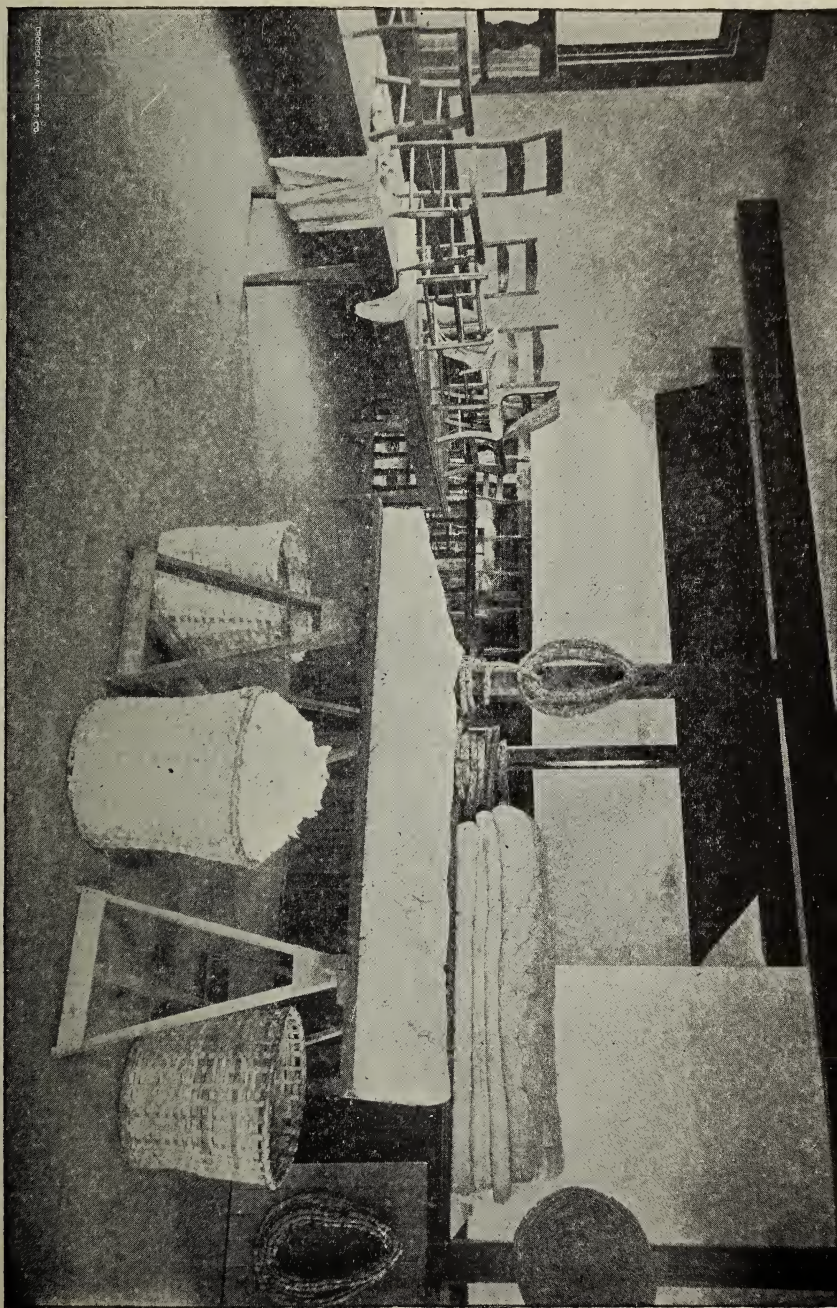
MAIN BUILDING—SCHOOL FOR BLIND

School for the Blind

Reuben R. Asbury	1867	1876
Mrs. C. B. Asbury	1868	1875
Mrrs. L. E. Estell	1868	1869
Mrs. Frances Simmons	1869-1870	1880-1882
Mrs. E. J. Groom	1870	1876
Mrs. E. A. Johnson	1875	1892
Dr. J. C. Knox	1876	1878
Mrs. O. J. Hamilton	1876	1878
Dr. M. J. Greene	1878	1884
Mrs. M. J. Oliver	1878	1882
Mss Lizzie Neale	1880	1881
Mrs. M. J. Williams	1882	1890
Mrs. M. Field	1886	1888
J. A. Hoge	1886	1888
J. H. Johnson, Jr., Principal	1888	1892
Mrs. Bessie Mills	1890	1893
Dr. B. J. Baldwin	1890	1893
W. A. Wilson, Principal	1892	1893
Mrs. W. A. Wilson	1892	1893
J. D. Wilson	1892	1893
Carleton Mitchell, Principal	1893	1895
Miss Elizabeth M. Shugh	1893	1896
Mrs. V. A. Hamill	1893	1910
Wilson Terry	1893	1896
Mrs. F. H. Manning	1895	1914
Miss L. Bonner	1895	1914
Q. D. Brown	1895	1897
Will Sayre	1897	1900
Miss Annie Sherill	1899	1900
Mrs. Fannie Ottke	1900	1904
Cris Dill	1900	1902
Hozen Fester	1902	1904
Mrs. Paul G. Ingersall	1904	1906
Bert Griffin	1904	1906
Miss Little Holmes	1906	1908
Ellis Triplett	1906	1908
Mrs. Stella Gillen	1908	1910
P. H. Yarbrough	1908	1913
Mrs. G. B. Johnsen	1910	1912
Mrs. J. S. B. Patterson	1912	1913
Charles McEachern	1912	1916

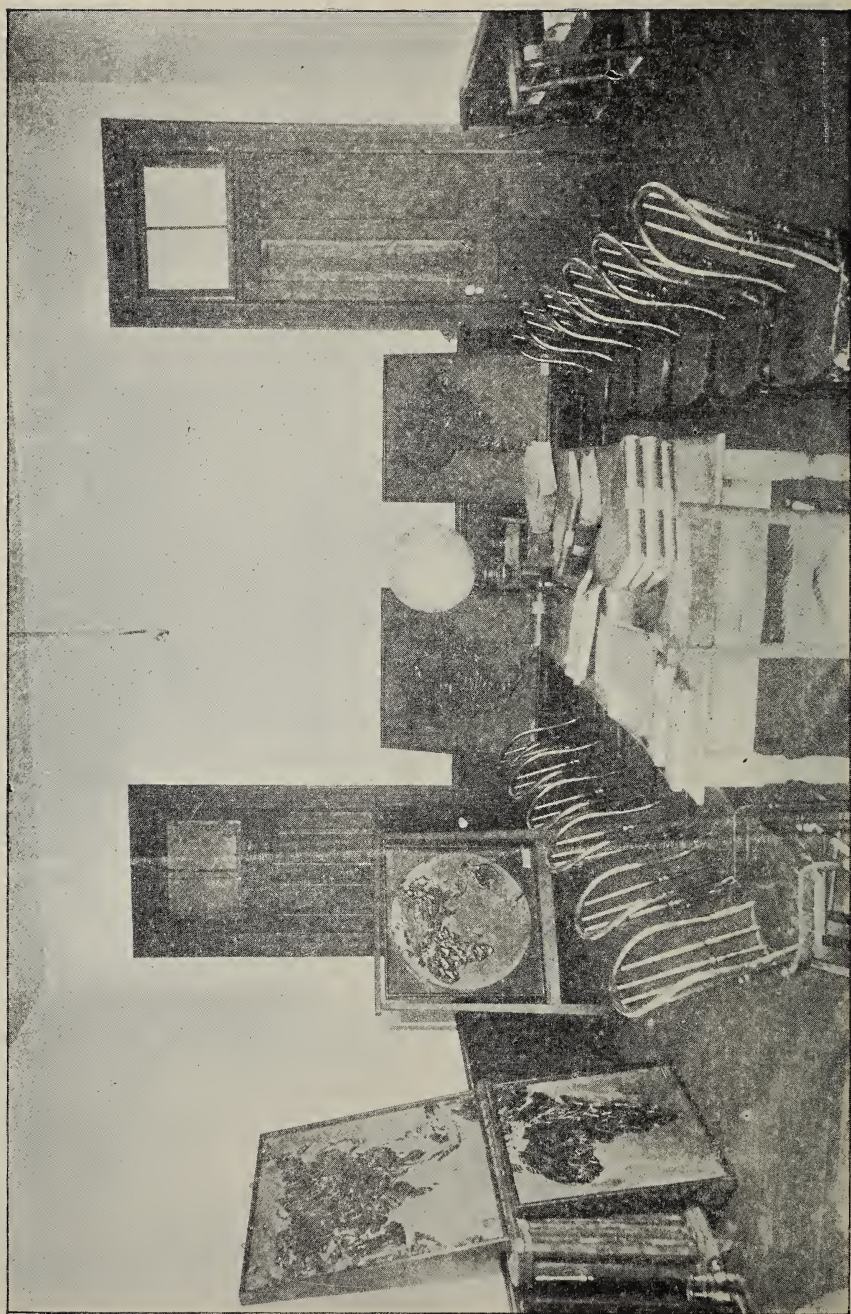
OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL FOR BLIND, (Continued)

Mrs. Nora Mayo	1913	1916
Mrs. J. S. Ganey, Matron	1914	1938
Mrs. W. M. David, Dietitian	1914	1936
Miss Mollie McKinnon	1915	1917
Mrs. Laura M. Burns	1916	1922
A. B. Cope	1917	1917
Mrs. Nannie B. Robinson	1917	1919
Max C. Nabors	1917	1918
Miss Cornelia Barber	1917	1919
Finis Lovell	1918	1920
Mrs. H. D. Baker	1918	1922
Mrs. M. L. White	1918	1920
Miss Emily Brown	1919	1920
Mrs. A. H. Wilkins	1920	1921
Mrs. Luther Slayton	1921	1926
Mrs. A. E. Bartlett	1922	1924
Mrs. B. P. Autrey	1922	1926
Miss Callie Countess	1924	1925
Mrs. Pauline King	1925	1932
Miss Carrie Ellis	1926	1927
Mrs. Lula Wills	1926	1936
Mrs. J. G. Holloway	1927	1935
Miss Ida G. Terry	1928	1930
Mrs. T. T. Harris	1929	—
Mrs. Kate Smith	1930	1935
Miss Corine Cannon	1932	—
Mrs. Kitty M. Coefield	1935	1939
Mrs. Annie Hayes	1935	1936
Reese Farnell	1936	1938
Mrs. J. G. Hendrick	1936	1937
Mrs. Emma Lee	1937	1941
Mrs. Lida Wood	1937	—
A. Abrams, Principal	1938	—
Mrs. A. Abrams, Matron	1938	—
Mrs. Lena Smith	1938	—
Mrs. B. L. Bloodworth	1938	1940
Mrs. Mary Sealy	1940	—
Mrs. T. L. Mabry	1940	1941
Carl Monroe	1940	—
Mrs. Stella Bell	1941	—



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MATRESS MAKING & CANING ROOM—School for Blind



OFFICERS (Continued)

School for the Negro Deaf and Blind

J. S. Graves, Principal	1892	1922
Mrs. J. S. Graves, Matron	1892	1922
Alfred F. Wood	1893	1906
Mrs. Mary Patterson	1895	1916
Mrs. Rosa Armistead	1917	1919
Mrs. M. A. Wallace	1919	1925
Mrs. Harriet Cullum	1925-1930	1932—
M. L. Striplin	1925	1929
Mrs. M. L. Striplin, Matron	1925	1929
L. R. Divine, Principal	1929	1931
Mrs. L. R. Divine, Matron	1929	1931
Mrs. Douglas Smoot	1930	1932
C. E. Jones, Principal	1931	—
Mrs. C. E. Jones, Matron	1931	—

PURCHASING AGENTS

In the early days of the school the purchasing of supplies was a comparatively small job and was usually done by the superintendent. Later, after the School for the Blind and the School for the Negro Deaf and Blind were located, each on its own campus, the principals of those departments did the purchasing for the current needs of their departments. Finally, however, the consumption of supplies grew to such proportions that it was deemed advisable to have all of the purchasing done by one person. In the year 1933 this change was made and the first purchasing agent was employed. The following list, therefore, contains the names of the purchasing agents who were designated as such from 1933 to date:

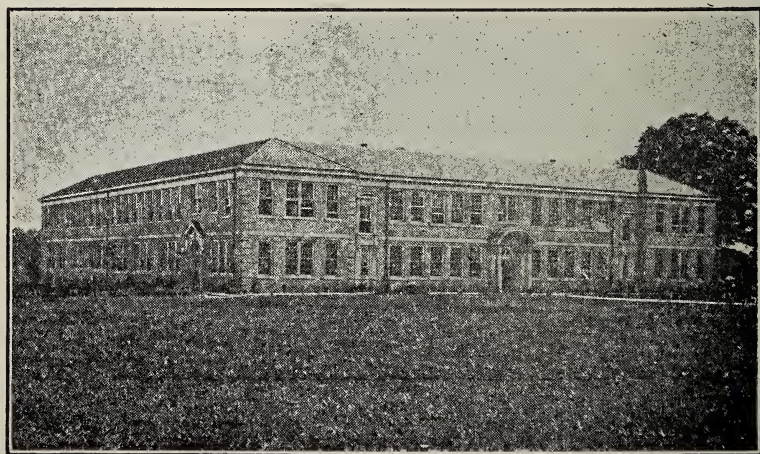
Guy E. Snively	1933	1938
George R. Burton	1938	1941
J. F. King	1941	—

CARE OF THE SICK

For many years when a pupil became ill one of the local doctors was called. If serious sickness developed, a nurse might be engaged. No regular physician or nurse, however, was employed by the Institution and placed on a monthly stipend. As the school grew it was deemed advisable to employ both physi-



THE NEW HOSPITAL



GRAVES HALL—SCHOOL FOR DEAF

cians and nurses. The following lists, therefore, will give the physicians and nurses since the time these officers have been placed on the regular staff.

DOCTORS

Dr. B. B. Simms	1928	1931
Dr. J. M. Washam	1931	1939
Dr. C. L. Salter	1939	—
Dr. B. B. Warwick, Eye & Ear Specialist	1940	—

NURSES

Miss Mary Meharg	1928	1929
Miss Bertie Mae Rhodes	1929	1942
Miss Sue G. Lyons	1935	—
Miss Billie LeFoy	1940	—
Miss Martelia Taylor	1942	—

HOSPITAL

In the year of 1938 the school hospital was finished and in the Fall of that year pupils were admitted for the first time. The nurses were quartered there and since that date pupils have had regular attention there.

HOSPITAL MATRON

Mrs. Myrtis Wood	1938	—
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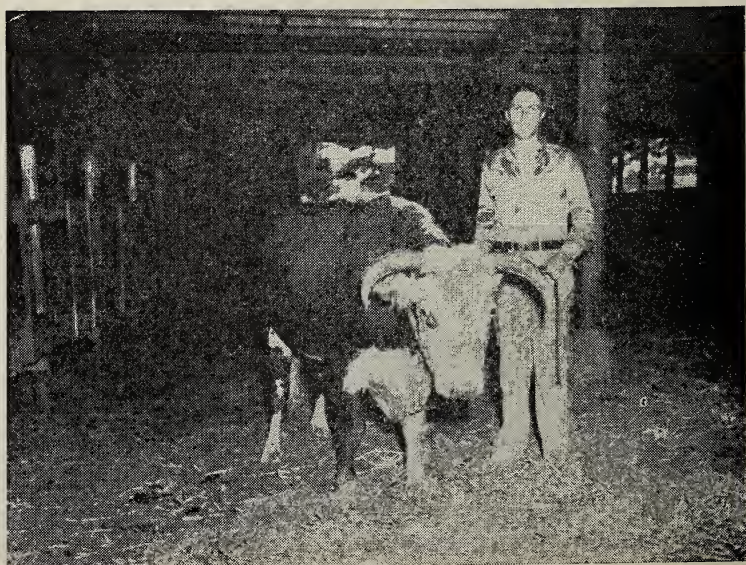
FARM AND DAIRY

For many years the needed supplies of milk and other dairy products were purchased from local dairies. Also, fresh vegetables for use on the school tables were purchased at the local markets. In the year 1929 a tract of land about one mile West of the City was purchased to be used for pasturage for the new dairy herd, and also for the production of vegetables. Since that time another tract of land has been bought, so that at the present time the Institution owns approximately seven hundred acres of land.

On these farms at the present time we are producing all of our milk requirements. We are also producing quantities of grain and hay, and furnishing pasturage to our dairy cattle and beef



SLEEPY SAM



OLD PAX

cattle. For use on our tables, vegetables in quantities are now being produced. We have, also, a large orchard that has just begun to produce peaches in quantities and we are expecting apples to begin producing within another year or two. We have chickens, ducks and turkeys. Also, we have bees and are producing a large part of our honey and molasses requirements.

The farm is made to serve not only the economies of our food requirements, but the several departments are also used as teaching projects.

FARM DIRECTORS

Sam Morgan	1929	1939
B. Q. Scruggs	1939	—
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PUPILS

The object of the founding of the Institution was the education of the deaf and blind children of Alabama. Since the beginning of the Institution in 1858, 3,968 pupils have enrolled for instruction as follows:

White Deaf	1885
White Blind	1325
Colored Deaf	410
Colored Blind	348

It will be remembered that the department for white blind was not established until 1867 and the department for colored deaf and blind in 1892.

GAINFULLY EMPLOYED ADULT DEAF AND BLIND

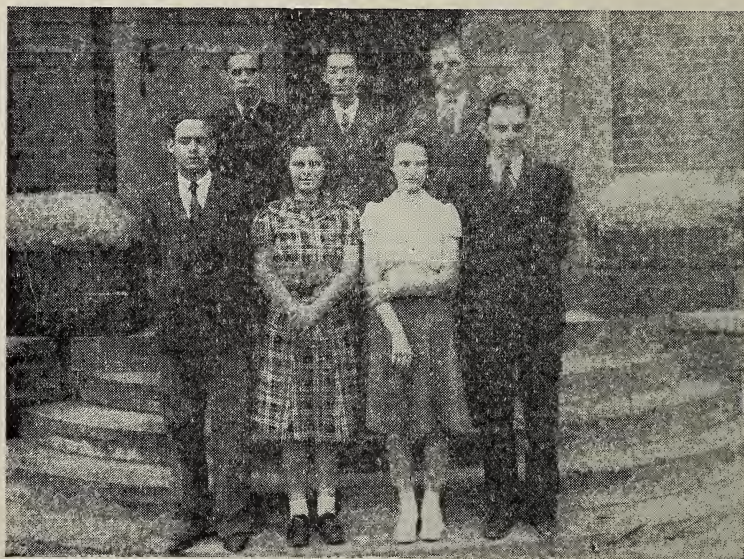
One purpose of an education for any person is to enable that person to be self-supporting. The writer had a survey made in 1941 of the gainfully employed adult deaf and blind in Alabama. This survey was conducted by Mr. J. H. McFarlane and Mr. George S. Hamm, both of whom have been teachers for many years in the schools for the Deaf and Blind, respectively. The findings of that survey showed that 273 adult deaf and blind people in Alabama were gainfully employed at that time as follows:

Deaf	126
Blind	147

The writer feels sure that the list has grown considerably since the time of that survey. The present Field Agent, Mr. John W. Haynes, began work July 1, 1941, and since that time he has



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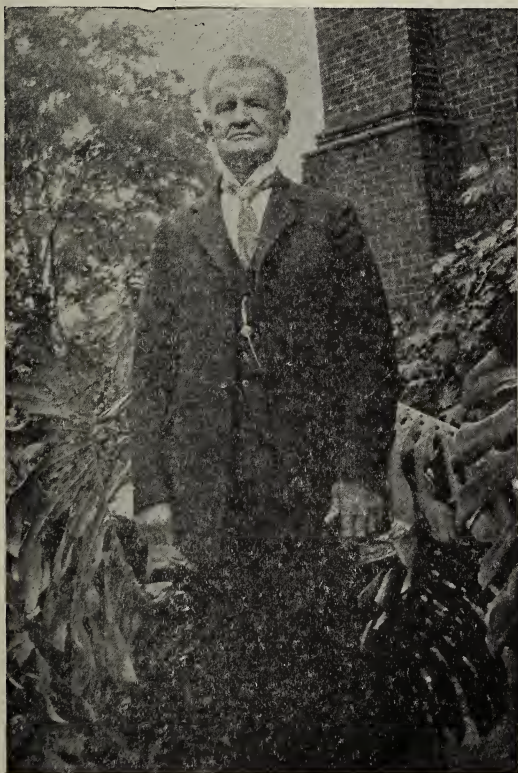
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been able to find employment for a goodly number of both deaf and blind people.

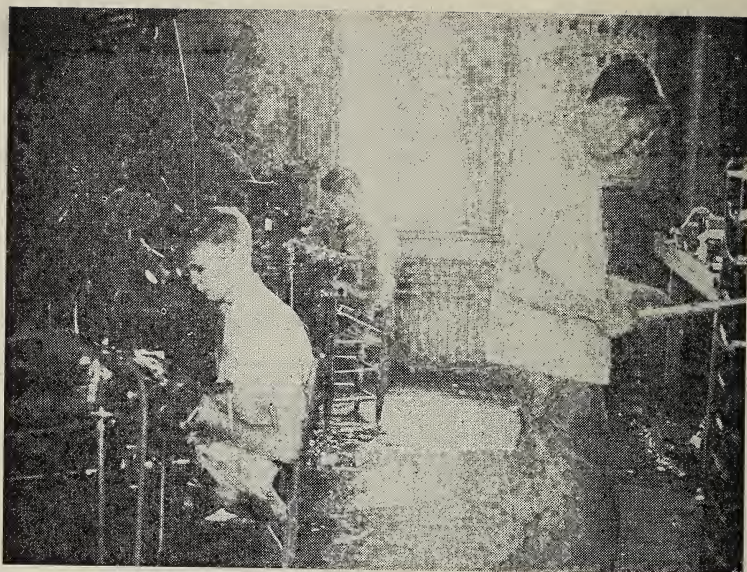
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SERVANTS

No attempt will be made here to list all of the names of the servants who have worked in the Institution Suffice it to say that in that long list there would be found many, both white and colored, men and women who have served this Institution faithfully. Firemen, cooks, maids, janitors, gardeners and others all have made their contribution to the success of this work. Many of them have served over long periods of time and have become identified with the Institution almost as firmly as any other individual connected with it.



SMITH WILLIAMS—A faithful servant for over 40 years



LINOTYPE DEPT.—Boys Setting History On Machine



GETTING READY FOR THE NEW SWARM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

Through the years eligibility for attendance upon this Institution has remained about the same that it is today, which is as follows:

"All deaf and all blind children of the state between the ages of seven and twenty-one who are of sound mind, free from disease and of good character may be admitted to the benefits of the school." These children are permitted to remain here up to a maximum of sixteen years, or, by a certain legal procedure until they have reached the age of twenty-five. As a matter of fact, however, very few of our pupils ever remain in the school the length of time allowed by law.



THE SCHOOL AT WORK

The history of the education of the deaf and blind is a glorious though rather brief one. Up to one hundred years ago very little was being done in an organized way for the instruction of these handicapped people. In fact, only within recent decades has this field of instruction taken its place alongside that of the public school work. The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind throughout its entire history has kept abreast of the best thought in the instruction of the deaf and blind. The courses of study that are taught today represent the development through the years of the subjects best suited to a school of this character. Today this Institution renders a full and varied service to the pupils. Upon entrance every child is given a physical check-up by the doctors and nurses on the regular staff of the Institution as a precaution against contagious disease. The check-up is made before the pupil is assigned to a place in the dormitory. The Institution maintains a modern, well equipped, sixty-five beds hospital to be used exclusively for sick pupils.

A regular school physician, an eye and ear specialist, and a full corps of registered nurses are on the staff throughout the entire session of the school. Any child who for any physical reason is not able to attend class is sent to the hospital for such treatment as may be prescribed.

The school maintains an academic course through high school grades. In addition to the academic course each department offers a number of vocational subjects from which the students may make choices. There are also literary, musical and debating clubs and student societies all suited to the different departments. The school also has its physical education instruc-

ors under whose direction athletics, games and sports are taught. These physical instructors also give exercises to promote physical development and the correction of posture, and the like. As a moral stimulus the school has regular weekly Sunday School classes, non-denominational in character, to which all pupils go unless parents prefer that they do not go. Also, the school has Boy Scout organizations. Christian Endeavor societies among the larger pupils are also maintained.

The courses of study are arranged to suit the different departments. At the School for Deaf, in addition to the regular course in the academic department through high school, emphasis is placed on oral speech and lip-reading. The school has in use the latest hearing aids for any child who may have any residual hearing whatever. By means of these instruments many children are rendered a most valuable service. In the vocational department at the School for the Deaf such subjects as agriculture, dairying, stock raising, poultry raising and bee culture, are taught on the farm. In the shops baking, barbering, shoe repairing, printing, wood work, painting and carpentry are taught. A full course in domestic arts and science is given to the girls.

At the School for Blind the regular academic course through the high school is offered. Emphasis is placed on Braille reading and writing. The blind child must learn to see through his fingers; therefore, his reading is done by means of the touch system with embossed print. Geography is taught by means of raised maps that are dissectible so that he may feel the shapes and elevations of the countries studied. At the School for Blind a course in vocal and instrumental music is offered. Pipe organ, piano and brass band are taught. Also, piano tuning and repairing is taught to the young men. In the shop the pupils are taught to make brooms, mops, baskets and to cane chairs and the like. The young women have a full course in domestic arts where they are taught weaving, crocheting, basketry and sewing both by hand and machine.

At the Colored Deaf and Blind School work in the several departments proceeds along the same line as that at the white departments.

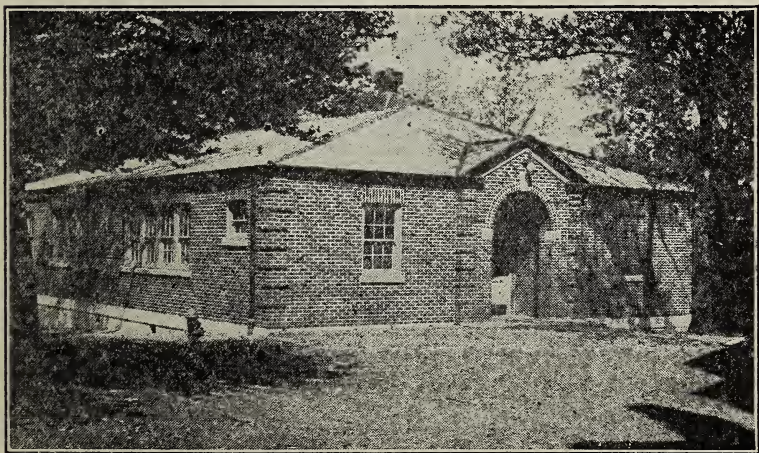
Special consideration is given to the health and general physical welfare of the pupils in the institution. The school maintains a high class dairy where only selected cows are used and an ample supply of A grade milk is furnished the pupils throughout the session. The institution has its own bakery where all the bread, cookies and pastries are prepared

under the skillful direction of a master baker. From the truck gardens of the farm vegetables in season are brought to the tables every month in the year. This furnishes a variety of wholesome diet for the pupils. The school also has its own laundry. All of the clothing and bed linens of the pupils are laundered here. In addition to being sources of supply for food of the institution the dairy, bakery and the truck gardens are also used as instruction departments where pupils may learn these various trades.

As a further protection to the health and physical welfare of the pupils annual wasserman tests are made on all pupils and even on all the servants who work in the institution and come in contact in any way with the pupils. All positive findings from these tests are promptly and effectively treated. Also, vaccinations and inoculations against the various contagious diseases are given the children.

BUILDINGS

Following is a list of the more important buildings of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. This list is composed only of the buildings to be found on the various school campuses, and does not include several buildings on the grounds of the farm and dairy.



SCHOOL BUILDING—NEGRO SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND



JOHNSON HALL

MANNING HALL

TAYLOR HALL

LIST OF BUILDINGS
ALABAMA INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND BLIND
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

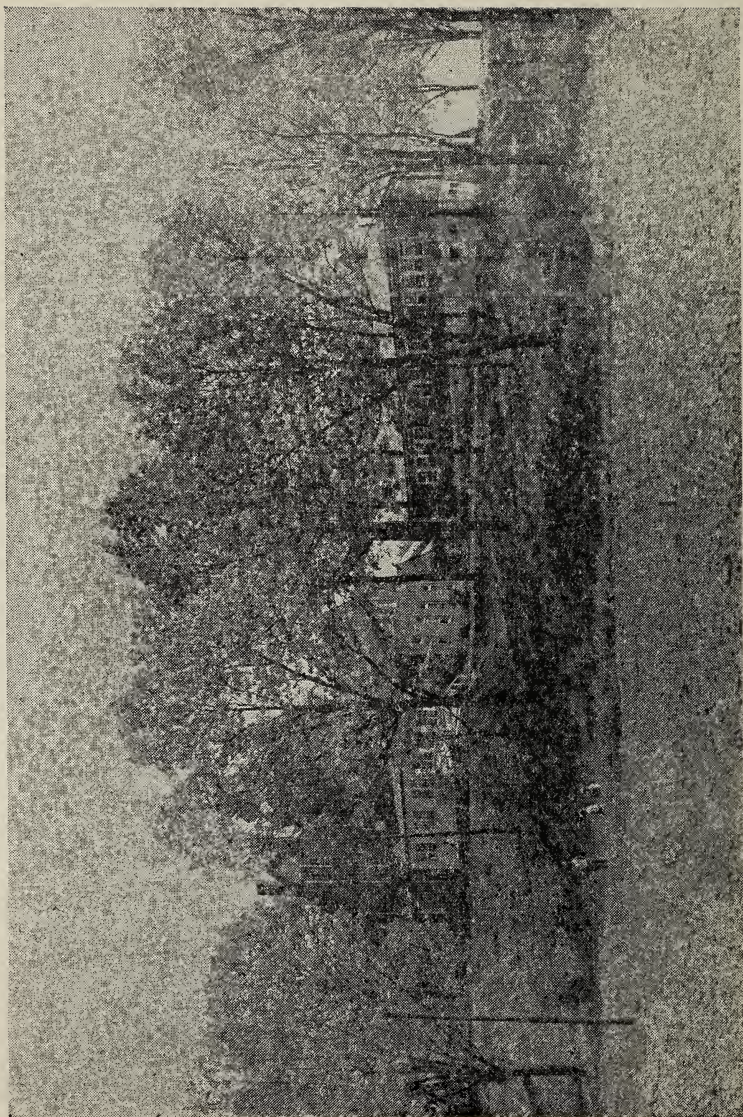
SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Constructed

- 1850 MANNING HALL—Girls' dormitory, Administrative offices, Superintendent's Apartment, Dining Rooms, Kitchen, Home Economics Dept., Girls' Study Hall Bakery.
- 1898 BOILER ROOM
- 1898 PRINT SHOP & LAUNDRY—Teaching of the Printing Trade, and Operation of School Laundry.
- 1903 SHOP BUILDING—Remodeled 1936. Trades Building, Carpenter Shop, Shoe Shop, Barber Shop, Agriculture Class Rooms.
- 1904 TAYLOR HALL—Boys' dormitory, Boys' Study Hall, Reading and Recreational Rooms.
- 1906 GYMNASIUM—Remodeled 1936. Physical Education.
- 1911 JOHNSON HALL—Academic Building, Auditorium and Chapel.
- 1928 GRAVES HALL—Beginners' Building, dormitory, class rooms, kitchen and dining room.
- 1938 HOSPITAL
- 1941 GIRLS' NEW DORMITORY

SCHOOL FOR BLIND

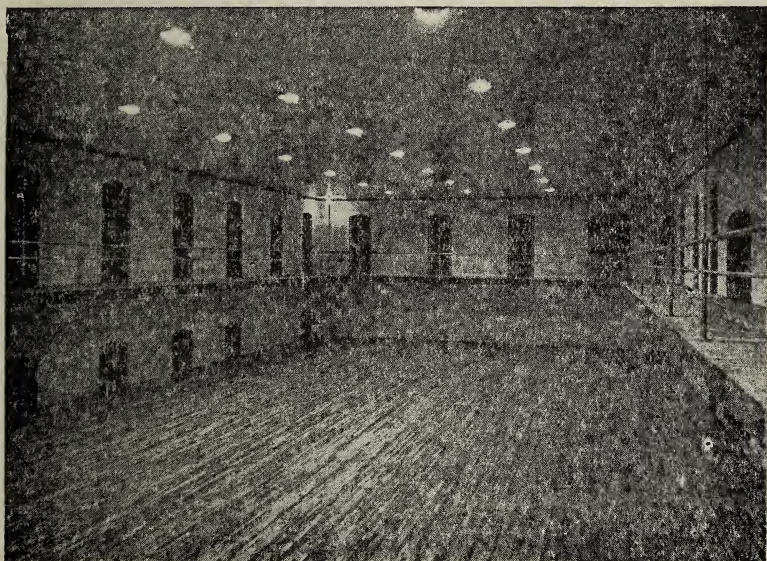
- 1887 MAIN BUILDING—Girls' Dormitory, Dining Rooms, Kitchen, Principal's Apartment.
- 1896 LARGE BOYS' DORMITORY.
- 1898 RED BRICK BUILDING—Recreational Rooms, and Practice Rooms for Band.
- 1898 EIGHT O'CLOCK BUILDING—Boys' Dormitory.
SMALL BOYS' DORMITORY
- 1928 OLIVER HALL—Academic Building.
- 1928 WILLIAMS HALL—Gymnasium and Physical Education.



MAIN DORMITORY AND SCHOOL BUILDING AT ALABAMA SCHOOL FOR
NEGRO DEAF AND BLIND

SCHOOL FOR NEGRO DEAF AND BLIND

- 1892 MAIN BUILDING—Boys' and Girls' Dormitories, Kitchen and Dining Rooms
1924 PRINCIPAL'S RESIDENCE
1928 ACADEMIC BUILDING—Class Rooms
1932 SHOP BUILDING—Carpenter Shop
1932 CARE TAKER'S RESIDENCE
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GYMNASIUM—SCHOOL FOR DEAF



FARM DIRECTOR'S HOME

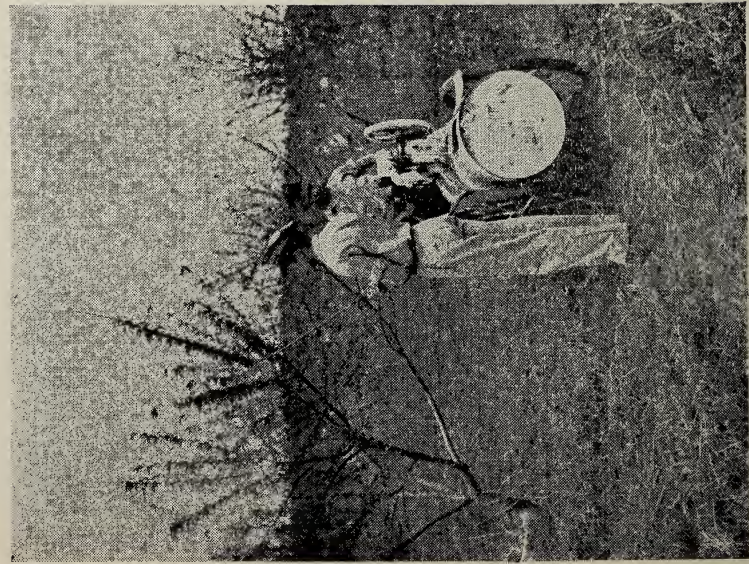
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support of an institution for the education of deaf and blind children must be proportionally greater than that for normal children. The training of handicapped children is more nearly individual in character, more personal attention must be given, and classes necessarily are smaller than those in schools for normal children. Also, teachers must not only have the usual school and college preparation for this work, but they must, also, have special training for this particular type of instruction. This means that these teachers are entitled to higher pay for the instruction of smaller classes of pupils than is to be found in the regular public school classes.

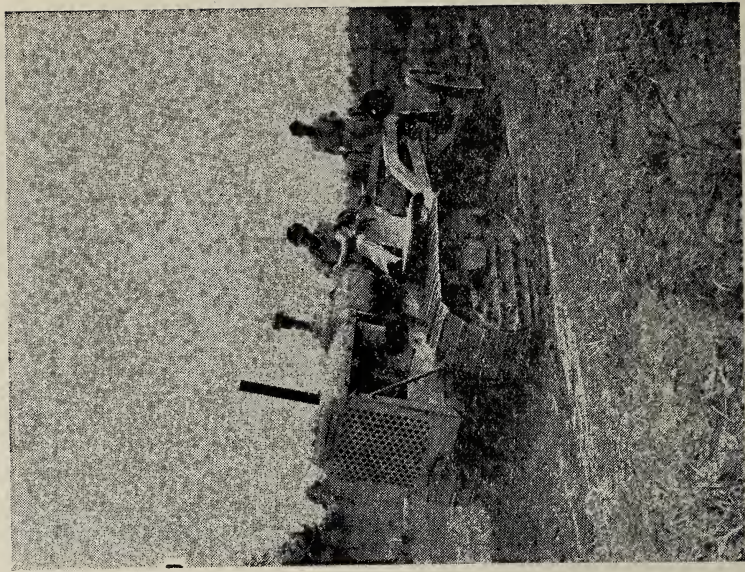
The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind from its beginning has been supported almost entirely from State appropriations. It is so maintained today. It would not be of particular historical interest to enumerate here the fluctuating amounts which have been appropriated by the various legislatures since the founding of the Institution. Suffice it to say that two plans have been employed in the past by the legislatures for the support of the Institution. The first plan has been the budget plan whereby a definite amount was appropriated to be used annually for the education of the deaf and the blind of Alabama. The second plan is that of the per capita appropriation. By this plan the legislature appropriates a certain per capita allowance to be used for the support of the Institution on the basis of the number of pupils enrolled each year. The per capita appropriation is the one now in use in Alabama. The writer is partial to this latter plan.

The strength of the budget plan is that it carries a definite, absolute amount of appropriation without regard to the number of pupils that may be enrolled. This plan would seem to lend itself more easily to the budgeting of funds since it offers an exact, dependable sum of money with which to operate. Its weakness, however, lies in the fact that enrollments may be higher than anticipated with the result that finances are inadequate.

The per capita plan is the more flexible plan since it adapts itself to the current enrollment. It also encourages the officials in charge of the institution to make more diligent effort to secure the attendance of all eligible pupils in the State.



Deaf Boys Learn to Care for An Orchard



DEAF BOYS TERRACING FARM

TRUSTEES

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind has had the counsel, devoted service and wise direction of some of the strongest men in the State from its very beginning. A careful reading of the list of the Board members which follows will show that the Institution has been most fortunate in having on its Board of Trustees members of such distinction and ability. The growing work which the Institution has been able to accomplish and the high rank which it holds today among institutions of its kind in the nation, its freedom from graft and political entanglements are due, in large measure, to the wisdom and character of the men who have guided the policies of the Institution.

The fact is, the responsibility of giving proper facilities for training to these handicapped boys and girls is so great and so serious that men who are appointed to these positions on the Board instantly realize that here is a job which calls for the highest order of devotion. A perusal of the records of this Institution from its founding to the present time will convince anyone that men have here labored with the single purpose in mind of rendering the maximum service to the Institution. The writer remembers well a conversation with the present Governor just before he went into office. The question of the appointment of trustees to the Institution was under discussion. The Governor said to the writer, "Dr. Ganey, you may rest assured that I shall appoint to your Board only men and women of the very highest type while I am Governor." Governor Dixon has kept that promise. Indeed, he has only done what governors preceding him have done in appointing the trustees from the best the State afforded and thus, I repeat, the Institution has been most fortunate in this vital matter.

PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gen. J. T. Bradford	1860-1868	
M. H. Cruikshank	1868-1881	Died 1881
Dr. William Taylor	1881-1908	Died 1908
G. A. Joiner	1908-1918	Died in 1918
S. C. Oliver	1918-1919	
Richard Heine	1919-1927	
W. H. Boynton	1927-1937	
W. E. Henkel	1937-1938	Died 1938
A. V. Lee	1938-1939	Died 1939
J. Herbert Meighan	1939—	

SECRETARIES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. J. H. Johnson	1868-1893
J. H. Johnson, Jr.	1893-1912
F. H. Manning	1912-1928
K. H. Camp	1928-1929
Miss Mildred Tompkins	1929-1934
Guy E. Snavelly, Jr.	1934-1938
Beulah Jones Whatley	1938-1941
Juanita Eubanks	1941—

TREASURERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G. B. DuVal	1860-1868
M. A. Chisholm	1868-1870
Col. A. G. Storey	1870-1886
James P. Wood	1886-1892
J. B. McMillan	1892-1912
H. L. McElderry	1912-1932
W. L. Dumas	1933-1935
D. C. Thomason	1935—

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gen. J. T. Bradford, Pres.	1860-1868	
J. B. Marin	1860-1862	Killed in Battle at Drainsville, Va.
Dr. William Taylor	1860-1908	Died 1908
<i>President from 1881-1908</i>		
M. H. Cruikshank	1860-1881	Died 1881
Col. G. S. Walden	1862-1885	Died 1885
<i>Replaced Martin who was killed.</i>		
Col. A. G. Storey	1865-1870	Died 1886
Dr. N. B. Cloud	1869-1873	
A. Bingham	1870-1890	
G. T. McAfee	1870-1883	Died 1883
Charles Pelham	1870-1893	
William H. Smith	1870-1871	
Governor D. P. Lewis	1873-1876	
Governor G. S. Houston	1876-1880	

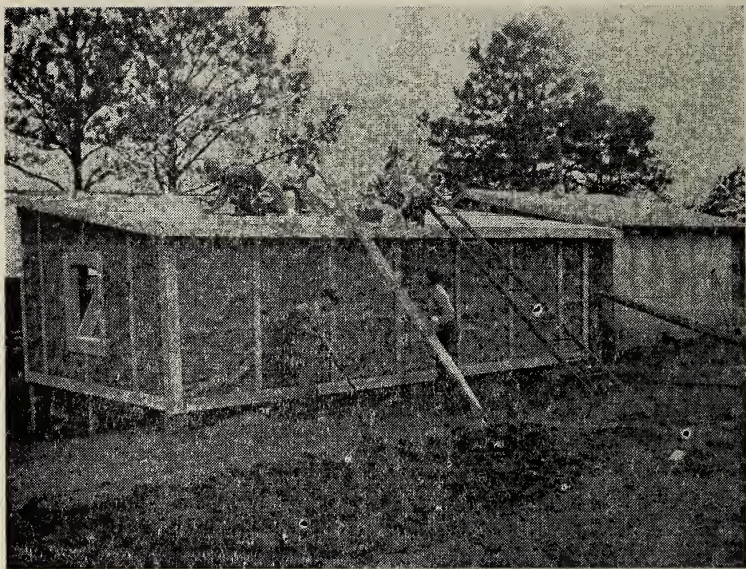
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Governor Rufus W. Cobb	1880-1884
J. Pinkey Wood	1882-1889
Governor Edward A. O'Neal	1884-1888
William H. Burr	1885-1898
Solomon Palmer, Supt. Ed.	1885-1892

Ex-Officio

TRUSTEES, (Continued)

Samuel K. McSpadden	1885-1896	
<i>Replaced McAfee</i>		
James Benagh	1885-1890	
George A. Joiner	1886-1918	Died in 1918
Governor Thomas Seay	1888-1892	
H. C. Tomkins	1888-1899	
T. M. Hobbs	1890-1922	
J. B. McMillan	1890-1892	
Governor Thomas G. Jones	1892-1896	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. G. Harris, Supt. Ed.	1892-1896	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
B. J. Baldwin	1892-1897	
<i>Replaced J. P. Wood</i>		
W. C. Oates, Governor	1896-1899	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. O. Turner, Supt. Ed.	1896-1900	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. H. Webb	1896-1913	
T. G. Bush	1898-1906	
L. G. Woodson	1898-1900	
M. B. Caeron	1898-1911	
R. H. Barnes	1898-1903	
Governor Jos. F. Johnson	1899-1903	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. W. Abercrombie	1900-1902	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
H. C. Gunnels, Supt. Ed.	1902-1905	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
Frank McLeon	1902-1903	
A. G. Driver	1902-1903	
W. J. Boykin	1902-1911	
Governor W. D. Jelks	1903-1905	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. J. Harlan	1904-1905	
Governor R. M. Cunningham	1905-1907	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
I. W. Hill, Supt. Ed.	1905-1907	
<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
J. B. Lyons	1905-1909	
W. W. Screws	1905-1909	
W. H. Hurt	1906-1907	Died 1907



THE BOYS BUILD A CHICKEN HOUSE



PURE BRED TURKEYS

TRUSTEES, (Continued)

Governor Wm. D. Jelks	1907-1909
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
S. E. Greene	1907-1911
J. H. Hicks	1908-1911
H. P. Merrit	1908-1911
Governor B. B. Comer	1909-1911
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
H. C. Gunnels, Supt. Ed.	1909-1911
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
T. P. Hudson	1910-1913
W. M. Teague	1910-1911
Governor Emmet O'Neal	1911-1915
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Wm. F. Feagin, Supt. Ed.	1911-1913
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
L. L. Hill	1911-1919
Richard Heine	1911-1927
<i>President</i>	1919-1927
T. P. Johnston	1911-1914
J. B. Bell	1911-1927
S. H. Spratt	1911-1913
J. R. Rosson	1911-1915
W. P. G. Harding	1911-1915
Spright Dowell, Supt. Ed.	1913-1917
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
H. J. Willingham, Supt. Ed.	1913-1914
William F. Feagin, Supt. Ed.	1914-1920
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
S. F. Cunningham	1914-1926
George P. Harrison	1914-1922
S. C. Oliver	1914-1932
<i>President</i>	1918-1919
Served again as a member in 1939-1940	
Governor Charles Henderson	1915-1919
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Alto V. Lee	1915-1938
Richard W. Massey	1915-1923
J. A. Rogers	1915-1923
J. Lister Hill	1919-1920
Governor Thomas E. Kilby	1919-1923
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
John W. Abercrombie,	
<i>Supt. Ed. Ex-Officio</i>	1920-1929

TRUSTEES, (Continued)

M. H. Sims	1920-1926
Jack Thorington	1920-1929
Richard S. Walker	1922-1925
L. J. Lawson, Jr.	1923-1928
Governor W. W. Brandon	1923-1927

Ex-Officio

F. O. Deese	1923-1923
T. Sidney Frazer	1923-1926
Frank Rushton	1923-1927
J. L. Gunter	1925-1927
Rev. L. Bell	1926-1932
William McLeod	1926-1929
Governor Bibb Graves	1927-1931

Ex-Officio

R. E. Tidwell, Supt. Ed.	1927-1929
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Ex-Officio

Mrs. Augustus Forrest	1927—
G. Walter Jones	1927—
Ernest Fite	1927-1941
W. H. Boyton	1927-1929
A. F. Harman, Supt. Ed.	1929-1936

Ex-Officio

T. B. Ward	1929-
Mrs. Lola R. Hurst	1929-1929
George H. Lanier	1929-1930
D. Hardy Riddle	1930-1932
Governor B. M. Miller	1931-1935

Ex-Officio

W. E. Henkel	1933-1938
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President 1937-1938

Robert E. Gordon	1933—
Thomas L. Hagan	1933-1936
J. P. Mitchell	1933—
Mark L. Black	1933-1939
W. L. Dumas	1935-1938
A. H. Collins, Supt. Ed.	1938—

Ex-Officio

Governor Frank M. Dixon	1938—
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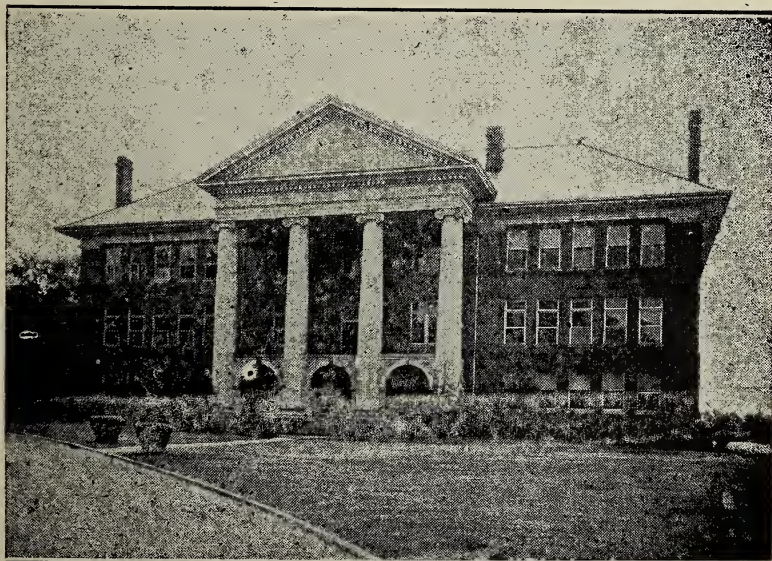
H. S. Abercrombie	1939—
Taylor Boyd	1939-1941
J. Herbert Meighan, Pres.	1939—

TRUSTEES, (Continued)

Brewer Dixon	1940-1941
W. B. Hardegree	1940-1942 Died January, 1942
J. Craig Smith	1941—
Charles R. Wiggins	1941—
Turner J. Jones	1941—
Otis R. Burton	1942—



JOHNSON HALL—SCHOOL FOR DEAF



TAYLOR HALL—SCHOOL FOR DEAF



IN THE CLASSROOM—A STUDY PERIOD



ANNUAL ALL-DAY PICNIC

FACT, FICTION, OR FANCY

The following miscellaneous paragraphs will be found of interest:

It is related that Mr. R. R. Asbury, about 1850, while in South Alabama near Union Springs, was riding by a large plantation home one day when he noticed a little girl on the front porch playing with gold coins. This was such an unusual sight he stopped and spoke to the child. She did not pay any attention to him and he discovered that she was deaf. This child was Mary E. Toney, the first girl pupil of the Institution. Later Mr. Toney and Mr. Mims, another man from South Alabama, who were very wealthy, came to see Dr. Johnson about beginning a school for the deaf. Dr. Johnson agreed that if they were willing to pay for the tuition of three other children who were not able to pay, he would hire teachers and begin a school. They agreed to this and the class began with six pupils. They financed this until the Governor heard about it and came to see Dr. Johnson. He said that the State should have a school of this kind and they started looking for a location for such a school.

During the War between the States it is reported that Dr. Johnson hid two kegs of gun powder in the second column from the East of Manning Hall. This powder was let down into the column by ropes. It has also been said that when the Federal soldiers approached this community Dr. Johnson lowered his silverware and other valuables into one of the columns. However, the writer has been unable to get confirmation of this latter report.

The two incidents following will give a side light on Dr. Johnson's strength of characters:

At one time near the close of the war, Union officers took up quarters in Manning Hall. Mrs. Johnson had given orders to the servants that the carpets be taken up. The officer ordered the negro not to take them up and Mrs. Johnson gave him orders a second time to remove the carpets. The negro looked at Mrs. Johnson and then at the officer and replied that he would have to obey Mrs. Johnson or "Marse Jo" would kill him and there was no difference in the officer killing him and "Marse Jo" killing him and he knew "Marse Jo" would kill him if he did not obey Mrs. Johnson. The officer laughed and the carpets were removed.

Dr. Johnson came into possession of a new hypodermic syringe. He had heard great claims for it as a pain killer, but he was somewhat afraid to use it until he was sure that the results would not be injurious. One night one of the Yankees had a severe earache. Knowing that Dr. Johnson had practiced medicine, he went to him and asked him if there was not something he could do to ease the pain. Dr. Johnson told him about the hypodermic and the man said he was willing to try anything. It gave him so much relief he told his friends about it and the next night three or four more came to see Dr. Johnson. After Dr. Johnson saw that it would not do any harm, but would do good, he told them "no", he was not going to waste any more on the "d_____Yankees."

The following items may be of interest:

On one of the window panes in the present office of the superintendent the name, Mary E. Toney, is plainly scratched. It is reported that Miss Toney said she scratched her name on that pane with her diamond ring when she was a pupil in the school about the year 1860.

It will be of interest to many to know that John T. Morgan was active in collaborating with Dr. Johnson in the transfer of deeds and assisting in the business matters pertaining to the purchase of the original building, Manning Hall, and the campus on which it stands.

It is said that the beautiful trees which radiate from the front of Manning Hall spoke-like were planted, those on the East side of the walk by Mr. Asbury and those on the West side of the walk by Dr. Johnson, and that they vied with each other as to whose trees would live the better.

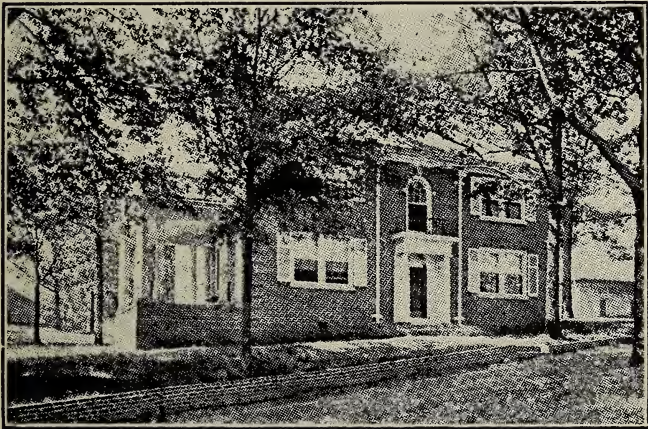
There is a beautiful holly tree between Manning Hall and Johnson Hall. It is said that Mr. Asbury pulled up the sprout while riding through the woods in South Alabama and brought it to the school and set it on the campus.

CEMETERY LOT

In Oak Hill cemetery of Talladega, there is a lot owned by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, twenty-five feet square, in which six persons have been buried. There is room for four more. The names of those buried there follow:

James A. Candler	1867
William Cartwright	1878
Edward H. Burge	1879
Robert H. Spivey	1894
Arthur McFarlane	1929
Smith Williams	1935

This lot is surrounded by a strong stone wall.



PRINCIPAL'S COTTAGE—SCHOOL, FOR N. D. AND B.

CONCLUSION

The writer confesses pleasure in getting together the data of the foregoing sketch. It is hoped that the reader may find it of interest. That errors may have crept in is freely admitted. Oversights and omissions are possible. Then too, it is readily acknowledged that much interesting and valuable data pertaining to the institution have not even been touched. It would take, not a booklet, but volumes to record all that might be said. The writer wishes to make grateful acknowledgment to all who have assisted in any way in the preparation of the booklet. Miss Annie Johnson, who was for many years connected with the institution, has given valuable assistance and information. Many others have also had part in furnishing information.

Thus with the hope that the sketch may be of interest and service to the citizens of Alabama who, through their financial and moral support, are contributing to the maintenance of this institution, and to all others who chance to scan its pages, this effort is submitted and brought respectfully to a close.

Very truly yours,

THE AUTHOR

May, 1942



ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF CONVENTION, SCHOOL FOR DEAF, SEPTEMBER, 1930

